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US cannot close PLO's UN office, rules judge

NEW YORK, June 29, (AP): A federal judge ruled today that the US government cannot close the PLO's observer mission to the United Nations.

US Judge Edmund Palmieri found that the Anti-terrorism Act passed by Congress does not supersede US obligations to its 1947 headquarters agreement with the UN.

"The language of the headquarters agreement, the longstanding practice under it, and the interpretation given it by the parties to it, leave no doubt that it places an obligation upon the United States to refrain from impairing the function of the PLO observer mission," Palmieri wrote in a 37-page opinion.

He noted that the language and legislative history of the Anti-terrorism Act, which branded the PLO a terrorist group, do not indicate Congress meant to abandon the country's obligations under the headquarters agreement.

"We are therefore constrained to interpret the Anti-terrorism Act as failing to supersede the headquarters agreement and inapplicable to the mission," Palmieri wrote.

Fighters crash

KARLSRUHE, (UPI): Three US F-16 Falcon jet fighters crashed in West Germany yesterday, killing one pilot and injuring another, authorities reported. One of the single-engine aircraft crashed in the woods northeast of Baden-Baden and the pilot ejected safely, a US spokesman said.

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WEATHER

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Falaka: 42°C (108°F)

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Kuwait: 26°C (79°F)

Ahmad: 31°C (88°F)

Falaka: 29°C (84°F)

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 44°C (111°F)

Ahmad: 41°C (106°F)

Falaka: 42°C (108°F)

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 16 per cent

Ahmad: 32 per cent

Falaka: 42 per cent

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 25 per cent

Ahmad: 39 per cent

Falaka: 50 per cent

Kuwait is not obliged to buy arms from America We will go elsewhere if US blocks deal: Sabah



Sheikh Sabah

By Faisal Al Quenae

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah said yesterday that Kuwait will seek arms from other countries if the US Congress blocks the sale of 40 F/A-18 advanced jet fighters.

Sheikh Sabah's statement coincided with a report that Kuwait was drawing \$5.5 billion from its petrodollar reserves to buy new weapons.

In a wide-ranging interview with local journalists, Sheikh Sabah said: "We have a variety of alternatives in case the US Congress blocks the deal."

"We are not obliged to purchase our needs from the United States. But what we seek is good quality."

He added: "Kuwait's policy is based on the diversification of weaponry sources regardless of

the manufacturing country."

Kuwait bought Strela anti-aircraft missiles from the Soviet Union in 1984 after the US Congress blocked the sale of Stinger missiles.

Britain is also said to be approaching Kuwait to sell its Tornados jets.

HH the Amir, has authorised the government to take KDI 532 million (\$5.5 billion) from the state's general reserves to boost Kuwait's defence capabilities over the next decade, according to a local daily.

Kuwait, this year has unveiled another deficit budget.

Denied

Sheikh Sabah said the budget deficit would be covered by income from foreign investments. He denied that the government intends to draw on the next generation reserves to meet the deficit.

Sheikh Sabah stressed that

services provided by the state to the public will not be affected and that the government will not impose heavy financial burdens on the public in the form of taxes or charges.

Speaking on a different issue, Sheikh Sabah expressed fears about the huge increase in the number of Kuwaiti university graduates to the future, saying that the state may have difficulty providing them all with employment.

Action

Sheikh Sabah announced that the report submitted to the Council of Ministers by the committee formed to investigate the hijacking of the KAC Jumbo jet Al Jaberya would be reviewed shortly. He stressed that those found responsible for any negligence leading to the hijacking would be questioned.

Sheikh Sabah issued a stern warning that action would be

taken against Kuwaitis who misbehave while abroad. He said their passports may be confiscated to prevent them from travelling again.

He said that Kuwaiti diplomatic missions had been instructed to write reports on those whose misconduct soiled the reputation of Kuwait abroad. He said that a number of passports had already been seized from such persons.

He announced that Kuwait would open an embassy in Bangkok.

Sheikh Sabah bailed Iraq's recent victories against Iran, describing them as sources of great pride for Arabs.

On choosing a new secretary-general for the GCC after the end of Abdullah Bishara's term, Sheikh Sabah said there is almost an agreement that a Kuwaiti will occupy the post as long as the GCC headquarters is in Riyadh.

No one has yet been selected for the post, Sheikh Sabah said.

Troublemakers face harsh penalties, warn Saudis

JEDDAH, June 29, (AP): Saudi Arabia, in a stern warning aimed at Iran's militant Shiite Muslim supporters, has said Muslims face Quranic punishments, which include beheading, and crucifixion, if they cause trouble during this year's pilgrimage to Makkah.

Convicted criminals are publicly beheaded in the theocratic kingdom, where the law is based on the Islamic sharia code. But there has been no crucifixion for many years.

The Saudi warning was contained in a statement issued late last night by the cabinet and reported by the official Saudi Press Agency.

Warning

It was the Saudis' harshest warning yet that it will not tolerate trouble during the haj or pilgrimage, to Islam's holiest shrines and was clearly aimed at Iran and the Shiite followers of Ayatollah Khomeini from other Muslim countries.

More than 400 pilgrims, most of them Iranians, were killed in riots in Makkah during last year's haj.

Saudi Arabia broke off diplomatic relations with Tehran in April, citing terrorism and subversion.

The statement quoted a verse in the Holy Quran, that says: "Punishment for those who fight God and his prophet and seek to spread corruption on earth is death or crucifixion, or the cutting of their hands and feet or that they be banished from the face of the earth."

The statement noted: "Anyone who tries to undermine security at the haj, no matter who he is and to what source he belongs, and at any time or place in which he is found within the borders of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, will be subject to the punishment by the rules of the blessed verse."

The statement stressed that Saudi Arabia, as guardian of the holy sites, was duty-bound to preserve the sanctity and security of Makkah and Madina.

Pilgrims have already started

converging on the holy cities for the haj, which begins in late July.

The statement said that anyone involved in a crime, committed or premeditated, any violation of security, such as possessing guns or explosives, and "any act of disturbance, terrorism or sabotage such as demonstrations, slogan-shouting and carrying of posters and banners, use of loud speakers and blocking of roads and delaying of pilgrims from performing the rites" will be punished.

In recent years, the number of pilgrims has been around two million.

This year, the Saudis are limiting the number to one for every 1,000 Muslims in foreign countries, citing extensive renovations at Makkah and Madina.

Threats

The Saudis have asked the Iranians to limit their contingent to 45,000 pilgrims instead of the usual 150,000. Saudis said yesterday Iranian pilgrims were welcome to perform haj.

But Iranian leaders have said they will boycott this year's haj and have called on Muslims from other countries to stage protests during the pilgrimage.

The Saudi statement said its warning of Quranic punishment was triggered by reports from Tehran "of threats from Khomeini and his aides to plant some hired agents of different nationalities to conduct acts of sabotage, including hooliganism and aesthetic chanting and other foolish practices... carried out by the Revolutionary Guards last year."

It also noted that during the 1986 haj, Revolutionary Guards posing as pilgrims tried to smuggle explosives hidden in suitcases into Saudi Arabia to carry out sabotage.

Crown Prince Abdullah, who heads Saudi Arabia's paramilitary National Guard which handles security during the haj has said that the authorities "will not permit any voice to rise higher than that of the prayers of a worshipper, the hymns of the devout and adoration of the creator" this year.

Montazeri calls for merger of Army, Guards

NICOSIA, June 29, (AP): Ayatollah Khomeini's designated heir has urged the merger of Iran's armed forces and Revolutionary Guards, citing the "duplication" as a cause for recent defeats in the war with Iraq, Tehran Radio reported today.

Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri spoke to a gathering of thousands of Iranians at his home in the holy city of Qom, 100 miles (160 kilometres) south of Tehran, said the broadcast.

Retaken

There have been sharp differences over Iran's religious hierarchy over the military formations, especially after three recent defeats in the eight-year-old war with Iraq.

Iraq retook the southern Faw peninsula, occupied by the Iranians in a 1986 offensive, in April.

Last month, the Iraqis recaptured Salamehah. This week the oil-rich Majnoon islands near the southern city of Basra was retaken by Iraq.

The Revolutionary Guards, comprise militants most loyal to the revolutionary patriarch, and control the basij, or war volunteers. They have a command totally independent from the regular armed forces and coordination between the two formations has been poor for several months.

Montazeri said: "The issue of the armed forces and the Revolutionary Guards is now the issue of the day. This difficulty should be solved in a sensible way by creating a single, powerful military organisation, under whatever name, to prevent the duplication."

"We should solve this problem once and for all," he said.

PPP will agitate if Zia delays elections

KARACHI, June 29, (Reuters): Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto said today her Pakistan People's Party would stir up agitation if President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq postponed promised general elections.

"The PPP will launch a country-wide agitation along with other democratic forces against the present government if the elections are not held according to the promise," she told party workers in her hometown of Larkana, 200 miles (320 km), north of Karachi.

The country was passing through a deep political crisis that could be solved only by an elected government, she said.

Zia promised general elections within 90 days on May 29 when he fired Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Jinnah and dissolved the National Assembly, the lower house of Parliament, and the four Provincial Assemblies.

Endorsed

Press reports quoting official sources in Islamabad said today that the government might not be able to hold the elections on time because of a combination of monsoon rains, hot weather, wheat harvesting and a nationally celebrated Muslim festival.

Ministers in a caretaker cabinet said elections would be held on schedule.

Other opposition politicians have endorsed the idea of agitation if the elections were not held according to Zia's promise.

One of them, N.D. Khan, appealed to the nation today to organise a "black day" on July 5 to condemn Zia's seizure of power in a 1977 coup that overthrew executed Prime Minister



Benazir

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, father of Benazir.

"Zia is now on the defensive and we should owe be on the offensive to compel him to hold fresh general elections," said Khan, PPP deputy secretary-general.

He said every house and vehicle should hoist a black flag and every man should wear a black armband in protest against Zia's 11-year rule.

13 killed in clashes

MANILA, June 29, (AP): At least 13 people were killed in separate clashes between government troops and communist guerrillas across the Philippines in the past four days, the military said today.

Lt Col Anthony Elias, spokesman of the military's southern command, said the bloodiest incident occurred on Monday in Tukuran town in Zamboanga Del Sur province, about 500 miles (800 kilometres) south of Manila on strife-torn Mindanao island.

Food aid

ROME, June 29, (AP): The world food programme said today it will send emergency aid totalling \$9.1 million to help about 1.5 million drought victims in Vietnam.

F/A-18s without missiles useless: Kuwaiti envoy

WASHINGTON, June 29, (AP): Kuwait's ambassador to the United States says 40 sophisticated F/A-18 fighter-bombers his country plans to purchase would be "worthless" if Congress refuses to include air-to-ground missiles in the sale.

"This weapon is not a luxury, it is a necessity," Ambassador Saud Nasser Al-Sabah said in an interview. "It's like buying a car without all the equipment that goes with it."

Congress is reviewing the administration plan to sell \$1.9 billion worth of F/A-18s and armaments to Kuwait, which says it needs the equipment to defend against attacks from the nearby Iran-Iraq war.

Concerned

Three US allies have been authorised to buy F/A-18s, the Navy's newest and fastest combination interceptor-bomber, but Kuwait would be the first Arab nation to receive them.

Congress is concerned more about the 300 Maverick anti-

tank and anti-ship missiles that would be mounted on the aircraft than about the planes themselves.

The 20 Senators said more than 50 Congressmen who signed a letter expressing reservations about the sale say they are worried about the escalation of sophisticated weaponry in the region, notably among countries potentially hostile to Israel.

Cheaper

Saud said he believes the sale will go through, but added: "You cannot have an airplane flying without munitions. Unless there is sufficient ammunition to support this high-tech equipment, you would be buying something that in the end would be worthless."

"We're not buying the aircraft to fly around in our leisure," he said. "You could buy a much cheaper aircraft for that purpose."

The defence relationship between the US and Kuwait has grown in recent months with the

re-registering of Kuwaiti vessels to put them under the umbrella of US naval protection.

In a visit designed to highlight the extent of the relationship, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah will visit the United States in July.

It will be the first state visit by a Kuwaiti leader since November 1968 and will include meetings with Reagan, Vice-President Bush, congressional leaders and members of the US foreign policy establishment.

Attention

Sheikh Saad is especially eager to draw attention to Kuwait's view that the deployment of US and Allied vessels to the Gulf does not merely help Kuwait, but safeguards the world's oil shipments, the ambassador said.

The message will be that the US should "stay the course" as long as the Gulf war continues and especially during the transition to the next US administration, Saud said.

A child's chance of survival

UNITED NATIONS, June 29, (AP): By early 21st century nearly half of all the children who die worldwide will be African, UN figures show.

A new report from the UN population division says that a child's chance of surviving to adulthood often depends on where he or she is born.

About 15 million children died each year during the period from 1980 and 1985, and 98 per cent of those deaths were in underdeveloped countries, the study says. It says the majority were in South Asia, but by 2025, the majority of the deaths will be in Africa.

A child born in a developing country is, on the average, seven times more likely to die before his or her fifth birthday than a child in an industrialised nation, the report says.

In the countries with the worst infant and child mortality rates, such as Afghanistan, Mali or Sierra Leone, a child is 40 times more likely to die than a child in a northern European country.

However, the UN data, published this month, do contain reasons for hope. It noted: The mortality rate under age five declined by more than half worldwide in the last 30 years, from 240 per thousand in the 1950 to 1955 period to 118 per thousand in 1980 to 1985.

East Asia has experienced the most rapid child mortality decline of any region, about 80 per cent since 1950.

US will help Israel to develop new missile

WASHINGTON, June 29, (Agencies): The White House, after talks with Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, approved a \$160 million joint effort today to help Israel develop a system to shoot down tactical ballistic missiles.

Responding to what Rabin called "a new strategic threat" in the Middle East, the White House said US and Israeli officials will formally enter into an agreement to develop an anti-tactical ballistic missile (ATBM) system.

Estimated to cost \$160 million over five years, Rabin said the goal is to test "within the next two to three years" whether they can detect, track and intercept ground-to-ground missiles in flight.

The system, which would use a high-velocity missile dubbed Arrow, is envisioned as a defence against Soviet- and Chinese-built missiles now in the arsenals of such Arab nations as Iraq, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Proliferation

Rabin said on Monday the proliferation of such missiles throughout the Middle East constituted a dangerous new arms race that increases the military threat to Israel because of the speed, power and accuracy of the weapons.

A White House statement, issued after a brief Oval Office meeting between Rabin and Reagan, said: "Such capabilities could change the military situation, making any future war more costly, difficult to control

and dangerous."

Administration officials said the 80 per cent cost to be assumed by the United States, amounting to \$128 million over five years, would come from the budget for the Strategic Defence Initiative.

Work on defences against tactical missiles is being viewed for possible payoff to "Star Wars" research against strategic missiles.

Rabin wound up two days of extensive talks with the administration and Congress satisfied with commitments for future US aid and defensive about Israel's stern response to Palestinian violence in the occupied territories.

Threat

In occupied Jerusalem, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today that Israel, alert to a growing build-up of dangerous, sophisticated missiles in Arab countries, was developing a response to the threat.

Shultz may again visit Middle East

TEL AVIV, June 29, (Agencies): US Secretary of State George Shultz may return to the Middle East next month for his fourth peace mission this year despite the apparent lack of progress, a senior US official said today.

Undersecretary of State Richard Armacost said he left Israel after a three-day visit: "We discussed the possibility of a visit to July of Secretary of State Shultz."

An Israeli official said Shultz was likely to tour Israel, Jordan, Egypt and Syria again in mid-July or early August but cautioned against expecting progress towards peace talks before Israeli and US elections in November.

He said Shultz regarded the trip as "the maintenance of the peace process" but realised there was no hope of convening an international conference to launch Arab-Israeli talks on the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip this year.

Meanwhile Israeli soldiers shot and wounded two Arab men today during a tax collection raid in the occupied West Bank, and authorities clashed with Palestinian protesters in at least six other places, including East Jerusalem, police and Palestinian sources said.

The underground committee directing the six-month-old uprising has repeatedly called for

merchants to withhold taxes from Israeli authorities. As part of the economic measures imposed to crush the uprising, Israel has stepped up efforts to collect taxes. Authorities have closed the shops of some merchants who are behind in tax payments.

Israeli authorities fired tear gas to break up Palestinian demonstrations in at least six other locations, including one near the US consulate in East Jerusalem, police and Palestinian sources said.

Police spokesman Alex Lapidot said about 100 schoolgirls staged the demonstration to protest the closure of their school by Israeli authorities.

In a detailed statement on private talks between American officials and the Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who is visiting the US, the White House said Rabin had been told Israel should show more flexibility in the push for a Middle East peace settlement and less inclination toward violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

DAY BY DAY

VARIOUS circles are discussing the authenticity that the government is selling shares of some companies in the stock market.

However, a few months ago, the minister of finance had promised that the government would not sell shares in the market.

Is the government aware, that the slight increase in prices this year, in no way reflects the prices of last year? This is despite a better political scenario this year and an improved economic situation not only in Kuwait, but the world over.

Zahed Matar

ARAB TIMES

Grand Bingo

KD 250 must be won

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'Child terrorist' arrested in South Africa

DURBAN, June 29. (Reuters): A 14-year-old boy trained to use machineguns and other weapons was arrested in South Africa last week, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said today.

Vlok claimed the boy, whom he described as a child terrorist but did not name, had been recruited by the African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla group and trained in Angola.

"In the camp known as Pango, he received training in the handling of a variety of arms such as machineguns, side arms, hand grenades and limpet mines," Vlok said at a police graduation ceremony in this Indian Ocean port city.

Vlok said the boy's case illustrated statements by ANC leader Oliver Tambo that youths must be seen as the shock troops of the organisation which has fought guerrilla campaign since 1960 to end white rule in South Africa.

New government formed in France

PARIS, June 29. (Reuters): Socialist French Prime Minister Michel Rocard took on the leadership of a new minority government last night, while reducing socialist influence, attracted only a handful of centrists.

Rocard had promised a major opening up to the political centre in his second cabinet, after inconclusive general elections on June 12 left the Socialists 13 seats short of a majority in the 577-seat National Assembly.

Rocard, who was asked by President Francois Mitterrand to form a new government a week ago, must rely on either centrist or communist votes to push through legislation.

But the new 49-member government included only three centrists and left the major portfolios in Socialist hands. In purely quantitative terms, the left's hold on the cabinet was weakened. Card-carrying Social-

ists, not including Rocard, and non-Socialists each won 24 posts.

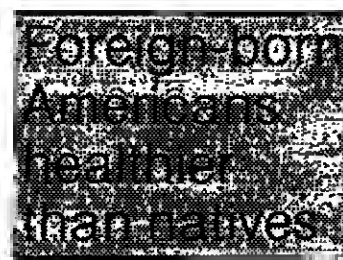
But the broadening of the political scene, the stated aim of both Mitterrand and Rocard, appeared to benefit non-political public personalities and technocrats rather than the centre.

Exceptions included centrist leader Jean-Pierre Soisson, who served in the government of former centre-right President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and is close to former Prime Minister Raymond Barre.

Soisson, who resigned from Giscard's party immediately after his nomination, was given the portfolio of labour, employment and training.

The other two centrist to join the new government were Jean-Marie Rausch, as new foreign trade minister, and Helene Dorihac, appointed secretary of state for family affairs.

Rocard also brought in some popular French personalities.



WASHINGTON, June 29. (AP): Foreign-born residents of the United States appear healthier than native-born Americans, spending less time in bed or the hospital and visiting doctors less, a US government survey says.

Some 22.8 per cent of native-born Americans age 18 and over reported four or more days in the previous year when they were sick in bed or at least a half-day.

By comparison, only 18.8 per cent of the foreign-born population said they had been sick four or more days in a year, according to the study, "Health of the Foreign-Born Population: United States, 1985-86."

Several possible reasons could account for the difference, said Dr Gerry Hendershot of the National Centre for Health Statistics, who prepared the report.

"One factor that certainly is involved is the selectivity of immigration to this country," Hendershot said.

Good health

"People with higher educations and professional skills have a better opportunity to migrate to this country, so people coming here tend to be from groups that have good health," he said.

And, he said, "immigrants tend to be younger, on average, than the general population, and younger people in general tend to be healthier than older people."

Hendershot noted that the Immigration and Naturalization Service does some health screening for applicants for US residency. Finally, he pointed out the study was based on interviews with 58,682 households.

Camp war designed to curb uprising: Arafat

NICOSIA, June 29. (AP): PLO leader Yasser Arafat charges that attacks on Beirut's Palestinian refugee camps by Syrian-backed guerrillas are aimed at stifling the 6-month-old Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territory, the PLO news agency Wafa said today.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, also said Arafat declared the campaign by Col. Saad Mousa's Fatah-Uprising faction was designed to wipe out the PLO presence in Lebanon.

Wafa said Arafat made the remarks during talks with Czechoslovak leaders in Prague Tuesday.

Arafat appeared to be aiming his accusations at Syria, although the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman did not name Syria directly.

Two months of bloody clashes, between Mousa's fighters and Arafat loyalists for the control of the Shabilla refugee camp ended Monday after Fatah-Uprising captured the shantytown.

"We have repeatedly refused to be dragged into side battles

with any Arab side and called for regrouping the forces to confront the common enemy (Israel), since the aggression against the refugee camps is aimed at hitting the popular uprising in the occupied territories," Arafat was quoted as saying.

"It also aims at hitting and liquidating the Palestinian presence in south Lebanese camps and towns," he was quoted as saying.

"Our people will continue the struggle whatever the conspiracies, and whatever the sacrifices," Arafat declared.

His statement echoed accusations by his deputy, Salah Khalaf, and by the PLO's executive committee that Syria engineered the camps fighting to eliminate Arafat as a force in Lebanon.

Khalaf, also known by his nom de guerre of Abu Iyad, accused Syria of seeking to oust pro-Arafat Palestinian guerrillas from West Beirut under a plan devised with US Secretary of State George Shultz.

He made the allegation in an

interview with the London-based newsletter, the Mideast Mirror.

"The plan on which Shultz and the Syrians agreed provides for ridding West Beirut of weapons and fighters. The fall of Shabilla signals the beginning of a scheme which he had hoped Syria would not get involved in," Khalaf was quoted as saying.

"But apparently it got involved, and the dissidents were given the means to take over the camp," he added.

Khalaf said after the fall of Shabilla, Mousa's fighters were expected to turn their guns on the nearby Bourj Al Barajneh camp on Beirut's southern outskirts.

The fighting between the rival Palestinian factions has raged since May 1, despite a reconciliation in April between Arafat and Syrian President Hafez Assad to end a 5-year-old feud over the control of the Palestinian movement.

Khalaf stressed the Beirut fighting marked "a big setback for Syrian-Palestinian relations."

Bombs kill 7 in Assam

NEW DELHI, June 29. (AP): Three bombs exploded in the northeastern state of Assam, killing seven people and injuring 59, the United News of India news agency reported today.

Police blamed Tuesday's blasts on extremists from the Bodo tribe who are fighting for a separate Indian state.

The explosions occurred near Barpeta road, a town 140 kms north of Dispur, capital of Assam, a tea-growing state bordering Bangladesh and Bhutan.

Two suspects have been detained in connection with the blasts, UNI said.

Authorities banned public assembly in the area in an effort to prevent further trouble.

Greek leftists claim killing of US officer

ATHENS, June 29. (AP): The Greek terrorist organisation November 17 today claimed responsibility for a car-bomb blast that killed the US naval attaché to Greece.

In a five-page statement published in the left-wing Athens afternoon daily Ethnos, the organisation said it would stage more attacks against Americans "until the last Turkish soldier leaves Cyprus and the last American soldier leaves our country."

Many Greeks blame the United States for failing to prevent Turkey's 1974 invasion of Cyprus after an Athens-inspired coup there.

Around 30,000 Turkish troops are stationed in the northern third of the eastern Mediterranean island, divided into Northern Turkish Cypriot and Southern Greek Cypriot sectors.

US Navy Capt. William Nordcote, 51, died Tuesday when a booby-trapped car blew up next to his armoured-plated automobile.

just 100 metres from his home in Kifissia, a northern Athens suburb.

The blast ripped off the car's roof and flung Nordcote's decapitated body into the front yard of an unoccupied house.

The November 17 statement described the 3,500-strong American military presence in Greece as "a force of occupation" and said "we will strike against anyone of its members or agent of its secret services."

Police said the statement appeared to be genuine. Nordcote and his British wife, Patricia, were due to leave next month after completing a three-year term at the US embassy in Athens.

Premier Andreas Papandreu said "he was deeply grieved" over the killing and pledged to fight terrorism.

"We really co-operate with the countries of the European Community and others to face terrorism," which "we condemn unequivocally," Papandreu said.

Victory for Reagan administration

Court upholds chastity law

WASHINGTON, June 29. (Reuters): In a victory for the Reagan administration, the US Supreme Court today upheld a law providing for federal government payments to religious groups to counsel teenagers to abstain from sex.

The court's 5-to-4 decision reinstated a key part of the so-called chastity act, a 1981 law designed to encourage teenagers to avoid sex before marriage.

Under the law, the government has given more than \$100 million to religious organisations, especially Roman Catholic charities, and other groups for counselling and programmes that discourage sexual activity by

teenagers. The law, which bars funds for groups that provide abortions or abortion counselling or referral, encourages sexual self-discipline as a form of birth control.

"The act does not create an excessive entanglement of church and state," Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist said for the court majority.

"Although the act increased the role of religious organisations, the challenged provisions were also motivated by other, entirely legitimate secular concerns," he said in rejecting arguments that the law advanced a religious view.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Death sentence

BEIJING, June 29. (UPI): A Beijing court sentenced two men to death today for the murder of a Beijing university graduate student whose slaying sparked student unrest and demonstrations in the capital.

Wang Jian, 26, and Ha Enming, 18, were both sentenced to death by the Beijing intermediate people's court for "deliberate manslaughter and hooliganism" in the June 2 street brawl in which Chai Qingfeng was shot and killed, the official Xinhua news agency said.

Panda poachers

BEIJING, June 29. (AP): Nine people have been given life sentences and 33 people sentenced to 10 years or more since China began a crackdown on panda poachers last August, an official report said today.

The state-run People's Daily (Renmin Ribao) said authorities in Sichuan, where most of China's pandas live, handled more than 52 cases of panda killing, trafficking and smuggling of panda skins between last August and this June.

The report said 133 poachers were arrested in that period, but did not say how many pandas were killed.

300 killed

JOHANNESBURG, June 29. (Reuters): The South African Army said today it had killed more than 300 Cuban and Angolan troops in battles on Monday.

Brigadier Pieter Gagliano, the Army's chief of operations, speaking at a press conference, raised the previous reported death toll of 200 Cubans and Angolans killed in air and ground attacks around the Calaque dam in southern Angola.

Pretoria said earlier that 12 white South Africans had died.

Secrets act

LONDON, June 29. (Reuters): The British government, embroiled in rows over the limits of state secrecy, said today it planned to scrap antiquated laws which even make it illegal to report the kind of tea drunk by civil servants.

It presented draft proposals to narrow the scope of section two of the 1911 Official Secrets Act and make disclosure of information an offence only when it is harmful to the public interest.

Reactor trouble

TOKYO, June 29. (AP): A nuclear reactor designed and built by Japan ceased operation automatically at a state-run power station after developing trouble in its condenser system, officials said today.

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Rules framed for marriages between Chinese and Taiwanese

BEIJING, June 29, (AP): China has drawn up regulations for marriages between Chinese and Taiwanese citizens, while saying it will discourage marriages with Taiwanese who intend to stay only temporarily in China.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs has ruled that people from Taiwan who have settled down on the mainland may marry mainland citizens after producing certificates on their marriage status from their work unit or neighbourhood committee, the official Xinhua news agency reported today.

The Taiwan partner must also produce certificates to show he or she was not married before coming to the mainland. If the person does not have such certificates, he or she can submit a self-written statement on not having a spouse, which must be certified by authorities where the person currently lives.

The ministry said that "considering the present situation on both sides of the Taiwan strait, many inconveniences will be encountered" in marriages between mainland residents and Taiwanese in China on a temporary basis.

Explanations
"So explanations should be made to dissuade such applicants."

If the couple persists in their decision to wed, their application will be handled by marriage registration agencies specified by provincial governments, the agency said. The Nationalist government on Taiwan last year ended a ban on travel to the mainland, and visits by Taiwan residents for tourism, business and meetings relatives have become common. Taiwan, however, does not permit entry of citizens from the People's Republic.

Seoul frees 46 political prisoners

SEOUL, June 29, (AP): The government announced today the release of 46 political prisoners, including prominent dissident Kim Kun-Tae, and said it would review the cases of other jailed radicals.

The Justice Ministry, in a brief statement, said the 46 prisoners would be released tomorrow from various prisons on parole. Ministry officials said 453 ordinary criminals also would be paroled.

Opposition groups have been demanding the release of hundreds of jailed dissidents they contend were imprisoned for political beliefs or anti-government activity.

Top opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung told the National Assembly today that more than 600 political prisoners remained in jail. He said continued detention of dissidents was the main barrier to political peace in South Korea.

"How can we talk about reconciliation and political development while keeping in prison those patriots, numbering more than 600, who fought for democracy?" he said.

Bangladesh calls for halt to N-arms race

PRESIDENT Hussain Muhammad Ershad of Bangladesh has called on the nuclear powers and the countries on the threshold of becoming one to reject the nuclear option and move towards general and complete disarmament.

He made the appeal on the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

Bangladesh is one of the 136 signatories to the treaty.

Ershad in his message, released by the Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait, said: "The threat of nuclear catastrophe has become the pre-eminent issue of our time. It has overshadowed all other critical challenges facing the world community especially in its efforts to promote the cause of economic and social development of the Third World, progress in protection of human rights and the construction of a world based on justice and human dignity."

"This auspicious occasion ... permits us to reiterate Bangladesh's outright rejection of the nuclear alternative and to call unambiguously for a halt and reversal of the nuclear arms race."

Ershad said, since its inception the NPT has remained the central component of the endeavour to check the harmful uses of nuclear energy while at the same time harnessing the atom for



Thai Army technicians load the fuselage of a Bell helicopter that crashed in a thunderstorm near Bangkok. (Reuters wirephoto)

Carbide barred from direct deal

BHOPAL, June 29, (AP): A district judge issued an interim injunction today barring Union Carbide Corp. from settling directly with victims of the Bhopal gas disaster.

Judge M.W. Deo issued the order in response to a June 16 request by the Indian government.

The government has passed a law making it the sole legal representative of victims of the 1984 gas leak at a Bhopal pesticide plant owned by an Indian subsidiary of Union Carbide.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed and more than 20,000 seriously injured in the world's worst industrial disaster. India filed a \$3-billion suit against Union Carbide that is still being heard.

Union Carbide says there is "no political will" in the Indian government to settle the case and its lawyers have started dealing directly with attorneys who have filed suit in the United States on behalf of gas claimants.

Nearly 150,000 claimants are represented by lawyers seeking damages in courts in Connecticut and Texas. The Indian government has received claims from about 500,000 people.

Judge Deo issued the interim injunction but said he would give a final order on July 29 after

hearing both sides.

"In the circumstances, it is expedient in the interest of justice that the defendant be restrained by an interim order not to make any settlement or compromise with any individual until further order," he said.

Union Carbide argued that any injunction would be an affront to the US court which is adjudicating the case with private lawyers of gas victims.

Judge Deo said his order was not against proceedings but only against a settlement in the United States before July 29 when he would give his final judgement.

Indian government lawyers say any settlement reached in the US court would be void.

The government filed an additional application today for an injunction, saying Union Carbide was continuing efforts for a direct settlement.

Government attorneys quoted a spokesman at Union Carbide headquarters in Danbury, Connecticut, as saying the company was seeking to reach a settlement providing less than \$350 million for the victims.

Union Carbide says the lead was the result of sabotage by employees, while the government says it was caused by poor maintenance and low safety standards.

Thai officers die as 'copter crashes

BANGKOK, June 29, (AP): Six Army officers, including two close aides of Thailand's Army chief, died when their helicopter plunged into a canal near Bangkok during a heavy rainstorm, an Army spokesman said today.

Col. Anusorn Krisanaserani said the US-made UH-1 Bell helicopter was on its way to the capital late Tuesday from the Thai-Cambodian border when it crashed just north of Bangkok's Don Muang International Airport.

Anusorn identified the two aides of Gen. Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, Thai Army chief, as Col. Suppachai Rodphothong and Col. Konthee Suvannarat.

He said a preliminary investigation indicated that bad weather conditions may have caused the crash.

Local newspapers quoted police as saying that the helicopter's rotor blades struck a power line before crashing.

Meanwhile, it was reported in Tokyo that two Japanese Air Force jet fighters are believed to have crashed into the Sea of Japan today.

The two F-15 jets from the air self-defence force's Japan sea base of Komatsu in central Japan were part of a four-plane formation conducting a routine exercise.

Agreements on unity plans signed

Libya, Algeria to vote on union

BEIRUT, June 29, (Reuters): Plans for unity between Libya and Algeria are to be presented to millions of people in the two North African states, the official Libyan news Agency JANA reported today.

JANA, monitored in Beirut, said agreements on unity plans and economic, industrial and cultural links were signed by Major Abdel-Salam Jalloud, second-in-command to Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, and Algerian officials.

"It was decided the draft project for unity between the brotherly countries will be presented to the public masses in both Algeria and Libya in September," the agency said.

Activity
If the pact is approved it would allow people to use identity cards instead of passports when crossing borders between the two countries, border observatinn posts would be unified and import and export taxes abolished, JANA said.

"A joint committee was set up to implement this within two months," it added.

It said Jalloud led a high-level Libyan delegation which arrived in Algiers on Monday to discuss boosting links between the two countries. He returned to Libya on Tuesday.

The visit coincided with intense activity among North African states whose leaders discussed plans for a regional grouping at a Maghreb summit in Algiers on June 10.

A brief communique issued at the end of the summit spoke of greater unity between Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, Mauritania and Morocco.

Libya advocates creating a united regional grouping but the others prefer to think in terms of economic links similar to those of the European Economic Community.

The two countries also set up eight joint companies for the production of oil, cars, engines and construction equipment, JANA said.

They agreed on the general framework of economic co-operation, set up a joint bank

called the Arab Maghreb Bank for Investment and Commerce and a company to produce petrochemicals, it added.

The idea of union between states is a cherished one of Khaddafi, who in the past has tried unsuccessfully to forge a series of mergers as part of his vision of cementing Arab unity.

The Libyan leader made a vain attempt to court Algeria into union last year after a two-year unity pact with another North African country, Morocco, collapsed in 1986.

Ties
A 1974 union between Libya and neighbouring Tunisia was short-lived. Khaddafi has also signed now-defunct mergers with Egypt and Sudan.

The communique hailed the five-nation North African summit in Algiers on June 10 attended by Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco and Mauritania.

The summit, long-sought but blocked by bitter regional conflicts, followed the renewal of diplomatic relations between

Algeria and Morocco in May after a 12-year break caused by the Western Sahara war.

Libya and Tunisia had renewed ties in December after a break of more than two years.

The Libyan-Moroccan accord, broken off two years ago by King Hassan, had deprived Algeria of Khaddafi's material support in the Western Sahara conflict, where Algiers-supported Polisario guerrillas continue to fight for the independence of the territory from Morocco.

The communique was issued after talks between Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and Jalloud, who was accompanied by a high-level delegation including the Libyan equivalent of prime minister, the secretary-general of the General People's Committee, Omar Al Muntasir.

It declared that Algerian and Libyan diplomatic efforts in North Africa, known in the Arab world as the Maghreb, "are moving towards unity arising from global moves reinforcing the cause of Arab unity."

Turkey complains against Armenian resolutions

Evren seeks more US aid

WASHINGTON, June 29, (AP): Turkish President Kenan Evren said last night that Turkey needs more military aid and complained that Armenian resolutions proposed in the US Congress "distort history and encourage terrorism."

"The risks shouldered by Turkey are much beyond her fair share," Evren told the National Press Club, American awareness of Turkey, he said, "falls short of what would reasonably be expected regarding an ally of 40 years."

"Situated in one of the most critical regions of the world, Turkey shares the longest border with the Soviet Union, guards the strategic Turkish Straits and maintains the largest NATO Army after the US," he said.

Even though Turkey has the lowest income of the NATO countries, its defence spending puts it among the top four nations in the 16-member alliance, Evren said.

He also appealed for the removal of US trade barriers to Turkish exports of textiles, apparel and steel, which he said would compete with other foreign products rather than US domestic goods.

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Cutbacks
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Jailed Briton wants trial, not pardon

LONDON, June 29, (AP): British businessman Roger Cooper, who has spent 2-1/2 years in an Iranian prison on spying charges, wants a trial, not a pardon, his brother said.

Paul Cooper said his brother would "rather have a trial and face his prosecutors in a fair court of law."

"He does not want to be pardoned and sent out of Iran for political convenience as somebody who was a spy," he told British Broadcasting Corp. after visiting Roger in Tehran's Evin prison.

However, Cooper said his brother feared "he could be here for another six years." No trial date has been set.

Roger is in solitary confinement by choice because he prefers to have his own cell, Cooper said. He is allowed out of his cell to study or act as an interpreter.

The businessman is "in pretty good shape," said his brother.

UN received 100 Afghan treaty violation complaints

Cordovez calls for restraint

GENEVA, June 29, (Reuters): UN trouble-shooter Diego Cordovez has appealed to the signatories of the Afghan agreement not to fuel hostilities, saying he had received nearly 100 complaints of pact violations.

Speaking on the eve of his departure for the region to check on adherence to the accord, which he negotiated in Geneva over six years, he told reporters: "These obligations stand. These obligations have to be fulfilled."

Spirit
He said alleged violations included charges that lorries were moving arms or ammunition into Afghanistan from neighbouring Pakistan, where Afghan rebels and three million Afghan refugees are located.

He said Pakistan complained of attacks from Afghanistan.

"Any action which has the effect of fuelling hostilities would be contrary to the spirit and letter of the agreement," he warned.

He added that the four signatories, Afghanistan, Pakistan, the United States and the Soviet Union, had stated their commitment to the objectives of the agreement.

The agreement, providing for the withdrawal of Soviet troops and non-interference in Afghanistan or Pakistan, was designed to create conditions which could lead to peace. The rebels have vowed to continue to fight the Soviet-backed government.

Diego Cordovez, an Ecuadorian diplomat, will visit Iran, another Afghan neighbour, today and then Pakistan and Afghanistan during his two-week tour.

The UN agreement prohibited Pakistan from allowing groups to use its territory to create disorder or unrest in Afghanistan and specifically said such groups should not be allowed to transport arms or ammunition.

Diego Cordovez said Islamabad asserted that lorries going in to Afghanistan were not carrying arms but merely conducting trade which had continued throughout the Afghan civil war.

"The Pakistanis quite rightly say: 'These trucks are carrying goods.' Well, I said: 'Let us open one from time to time.'"

Cordovez, due to become Ecuadorian Foreign Minister on August 10, said that despite complaints from Moscow about compliance with the treaty the withdrawal of Soviet troops was going quite well and to the satisfaction of all sides.

Death toll rises in Bangladesh floods

DHAKA, June 29, (AP): Flood-triggered accidents have killed 12 more people in Bangladesh, raising the week-long toll to 92 officials and newspapers said today.

Five deaths were reported in eastern Sylhet district, four from southern Satkhira area and three from Chittagong district. Most of them occurred on Tuesday.

Officials at the Flood Control Ministry said the overall situation had improved in most of the affected areas except for the northeastern district of Moulvibazar.

The Monu River near Moulvibazar was flowing 1.2 metres above the danger level, said the officials.

Heavy rains continued in the region and embankments were breached at three points, inundating large areas of Moulvibazar.

Shelter
Roads from Dhaka to Moulvibazar have been submerged for the past five days.

Railway authorities said railroad links between Dhaka, the capital, and Sylhet and Chittagong were restored late Tuesday after two bridges were repaired.

A senior official at the Relief Ministry said that the current spate of flash floods had affected

nearly 10 million people.

He said more than 20,000 people had taken shelter on embankments and makeshift relief camps.

Shortages of food and safe drinking water have been reported in flood-stricken areas.

Abdur Rahim, a businessman who reached Dhaka on Tuesday from Sunamganj, said he saw thousands of people stranded in submerged houses.

The 35-year-old businessman said he had to break his journey several times to reach Dhaka.

A Railway Ministry official said in Dhaka that train services between the capital and the port city of Chittagong have been disrupted since Sunday because of incessant rains.

The Dhaka-Sylhet rail link is also not functioning because the floods damaged two bridges near the eastern city, he said.

At least 25 people were killed in floods and rain last month, according to government figures. Unofficial reports said at least 50 people had died.

Bangladesh, a country of 105 million people, is one of the poorest nations in the world. Hundreds of rivers run through Bangladesh before flowing into the Bay of Bengal and flooding is common between June and September.



Ershad: appeal peaceful purposes.

The NPT is the cornerstone of international efforts to sustain viable barriers against the spread of nuclear weapons, he added.

He also said the NPT has helped greatly in the long-term international efforts to ensure peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

But, he said, progress towards the goal of reducing nuclear arsenals and negotiations for general and complete disarmament, has been slow and inadequate.

The prime responsibility of undertaking specific disarmament measures and discouraging proliferation lies with the nuclear powers, Ershad pointed out.

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US will defend shipping, Murphy assures Bahrain

BAHRAIN, June 29. (Agencies): US Envoy Richard Murphy assured Bahrain today that the United States was determined to protect commercial shipping in the Gulf, the official Gulf News Agency (GNA) reported.

Murphy, on a 24-hour visit to the island, gave the Amir Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa a letter from President Reagan and later met the Prime Minister, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

GNA said Murphy and Sheikh Khalifa discussed ways to end the Iran-Iraq conflict and secure freedom of navigation in the Gulf, which has become a battle zone in a shipping war between Baghdad and Tehran.

At least 64 vessels have been attacked since the beginning of this year.

GNA quoted Murphy as having told the agency he had assured Sheikh Khalifa of American determination to protect commercial ships in the region.

The United States boosted its naval presence in the Gulf in July last year to protect vessels flying

the American flag. After a clash with the Iranian Navy last April, Washington said it would extend its protection to neutral ships, although this determination has yet to be tested.

Murphy arrived in Bahrain on Tuesday night. He had earlier visited Saudi Arabia, North Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Iraq and Kuwait.

The Reagan administration recently announced it planned to sell four new F-16 fighters and spare parts to Bahrain for about 90 million dollars.

Fighters Bahrain had previously purchased 12 of the sophisticated fighters, which so far have not yet been given even to neighbouring Saudi Arabia, a long-standing close friend of Washington.

The United States also supplies Bahrain with advanced Stinger anti-aircraft missiles. Unconfirmed reports have put the number of missiles at 70.

The shoulder-fired weapons are at the centre of the current US dispute with Qatar, another

Bahrain neighbour.

US officials say Qatar has acquired some of the US-made weapons by unauthorised means and refuses either to return them or say where they were obtained.

Murphy, who visited Qatar earlier on his tour, was reported by the State Department to have formally protested the Qatari action.

Arab diplomatic sources in Bahrain, insisting on anonymity, said they believed the issue to be overhauled because the much sought-after Stingers can be obtained on the international arms market.

The chief aim of Murphy's tour was to discuss means of ending the nearly 8-year-old Iraq-Iran war, which has posed an increasing menace to the Gulf states and their oil shipping lanes, as well as US Secretary of State George Shultz's plan for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Murphy has also been communicating the US view of the outcome of the Moscow superpower summit between Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to these leaders.



Kuwait's Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah inspecting the progress of work at the General Investigations Department in which he stressed the importance of the department's role in upholding the law. The minister was received by the director of the department Colonel Yaqub Al Muhaini.

Number of females taking up technical jobs increases

A LOCAL newspaper interviewed a number of residents to obtain their opinions on the increase of females taking up technical and professional posts in Kuwait.

A lawyer, Merdas Al Mtairi said it was natural to view appointments of women at technical posts in a different light as it was novel in Arab society in general. However, he added, men and women at the same work levels are treated differently.

Halla Idris, an engineer from Kuwait University tried getting a job in the engineering field since her graduation, but, has still to succeed. She says she is now in a depressing period in her life due to the lack of experience and believed society is not yet ready to hire female engineers.

She said, she joined a consulting office for training in the field

of civil engineering and is slowly gaining confidence. She appreciated the total support of her parents. She pointed out that women in the field of engineering proved to be successful in implementing some projects and saw no differences between men and women engineers — provided they were judged according to the nature and place of work, including their qualifications.

Proved

Hafya's Al Mussa, an engineer at the highways department in the Ministry of Public Works said she chose engineering because of her high grade point average. She said she did not find any difficulty in obtaining a job as an engineer. She added, that now-a-days, physical strength was not necessary as technology had replaced manpower in many

fields — especially in the field of engineering.

Mohamad Abdul Khader Ibrahim, an engineer said that women engineers are trustworthy and have proved to be hard workers. He, however, did not encourage women engineers to go outside offices to project locations as most projects are located at distances away from the offices and entailed late working hours.

Badreya Gharihi at the services and supervision department in the Ministry of Public Works had some difficulties while looking for a job as a mechanical engineer. She commented that most bosses at private companies are reluctant to hire women engineers as they believed that after obtaining necessary training, women engineers tended to leave their jobs.

Applied education authority to admit 8,000 students

THE acting dean of admission and registration at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Hisham Al Mutawa said the authority will admit a total of 8,000 students this year. Registration employees said 300 to 320 registration applications were processed daily.

Al Mutawa said applicants must be secondary education graduates with 55 per cent scores in science and 60 per cent for the literary section. Admission tests would begin on August 15 and end on August 22 he said.

A total of 15 per cent of non-

Kuwaiti applicants — including GCC citizens would be admitted. Eligible students would be those whose either parent was Kuwaiti, children of long-serving military personnel, children of diplomats and expatriates who were born in Kuwait to Arab parents he added.

The acting dean disclosed that the authority allocated financial incentives to students of the College of Technological Studies and Health Sciences and those of medical secretarial studies as well as postal and nursing students. He added, a total of 7,919 students would be admitted, of

whom 6,120 were secondary education graduates, 1,664 graduates of the intermediate education and 125 graduates from parallel education institutes.

Al Mutawa said the authority's interest in graduates was designed to meet the requirements of the local market, and to develop the national workforce in order to achieve national self-reliance.

He concluded that there was a special committee considering applicants who did not meet the admission conditions for various exceptional reasons.

Wolves kill sheep in Wafra

A PACK of wolves and wild dogs attacked a number of animals in farms in Wafra area and killed 40 sheep and 32 deer.

A veterinary doctor who rushed to the farm, estimated there were about 10 wolves and dogs.

Farm owners said the wolves and dogs raided the farms on two consecutive nights, killing the sheep in the first raid and the deer in the second.

The owner of the main damaged farm, Abdullah Al

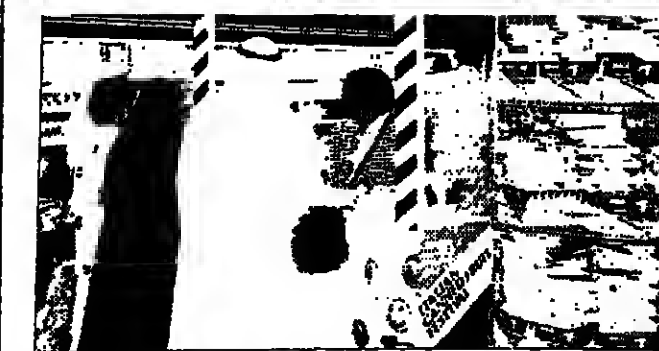
Surayy said, in addition to those killed, 10 sheep were seriously injured and 15 suffered minor injuries. He said a wild dog attacked the farm three days prior to the attack by wolves and killed several chickens before the guard killed it.

Farm owners claimed that this was not the first attack, as many attacks had taken place in the past few years. They all believed that the wolves came from outside Kuwait.



Some of the sheep killed by wolves and wild dogs.

Italian Trade Commissioner introduces Italian Canned fruits to importers of foodstuffs in Kuwait.



Under the patronage of His Excellency the Italian Ambassador to Kuwait Mr. Lucio Forattini, a reception, organised by the Italian Trade Commission office for the Importers of foodstuffs in Kuwait was held at the Meridien Hotel/Kuwait on Sunday, June 26, 1988.

The aim was to introduce Italian canned fruit to the Kuwaiti market. Welcoming the importers was Dr. Roberto Luongo, the Italian Trade Commissioner in Kuwait.

Preceding the dinner, a tasting promotion took place at the Sultan Center, Salmiyah from June 19 to 21, 1988. The promotion was organized in co-operation with: Liberty Advertising, Ignazio Messina & Co. Shipping Line, Jassim Mohd. Al-Ali Al-Wazzan.

Sheikh Nasser meets Fassam

SOCIAL Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed yesterday received newly appointed Kuwaiti ambassador to Jordan Sulaiman Al Fassam.

The discussions tackled fraternal relations between the two sisterly countries. The meeting falls in line with Fassam's discussions with a number of officials before leaving this week to assume his new post.

Sheikh Sabah received chairman and members of the Arab Gulf Theatre's board of directors.

The members briefed Sheikh Sabah on the theatre's preparations for celebrating its silver jubilee. The ceremony will be held under patronage of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah in October.

Sheikh Sabah praised the theatre's efforts to elevate theatrical movement in Kuwait and promised his backing.

The board members later called on Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and explained to him the same preparations.

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Benson & Hedges have requested managers to send in their answers to the first stage of the competition, on the official forms, before the end of June 1988, to qualify for this year's country final stage.



The Benson & Hedges gold medal.

AN Interior Ministry official has said that specialised studies and research are being made to find out ways to combat the problem of drugs.

The Ministry of Interior held a symposium at the Kuwait Medical Society headquarters in Jahriya last Sunday entitled "No to Drugs" on the occasion of the International Day for Combating Drugs.

Speaking at the symposium, Captain Mohammad Al Sraie lauded the efforts exerted to combat the drugs menace. He disclosed that 156 cases involving 238 people charged with various drug offences were examined in 1985 and a total of 62,132 kgs of hashish, 1,181 kg of opium, 1,484 kg heroin and 112,822 hallucinatory pills were confiscated.

Committee

He said, the number of cases increased to 236 in 1987, involving 330 people and the quantities of confiscated drugs were 64,813 kg hashish, 4,318 kg heroin, 8,972 opium, 56 grams marijuana, 20 grams cocaine and 18,211,165 drug pills.

Captain Al Sraie disclosed that the government had decided to form a Higher National Committee for combating drugs and liquor and rehabilitation of addicts. The committee's central organ would report all cases

involving drugs in Kuwait to the Higher National Committee.

Dr Hussein Darwesh of the Ministry of Public Health speaking at the symposium said, "prevention is better than cure" and pointed out that the problem in Kuwait never had any serious dimensions as compared to the situation in other countries. He added that drugs were part and parcel of the medical industry, but, drug-abuse developed in some people due to stress of social and personal problems and stemmed from a lack of will-power.

Concern

Meanwhile, an increase in the number of narcotics cases in Kuwait is a cause of some concern to authorities in Kuwait.

The director of the anti-narcotics and liquor department of the Ministry of Interior Colonel Abdullah Al Farhan in an interview with a local daily disclosed that though Kuwait suffers from narcotics problems, these in no way had reached dangerous proportions and were far lower in comparison to other Arab and foreign countries.

Awareness

He described the new law of fighting narcotics issued in 1983 as practical. The law stipulates strict punishment for smuggling and trading in narcotics. Sentences could be life imprisonment or in extreme cases even the death penalty, he said.

Al Farhan commented that a lack of awareness among people of the dangers of using narcotics coupled with plenty of spare time among youths contributed to this phenomena. Most of the addicts were men, he said.

Al Haji for Islamabad

PRESIDENT of the International Islamic Charity Organisation Youssef Haji Al Haji left yesterday for Islamabad to attend meetings of the board of trustees of the Pakistan Islamic University which the organisation is supporting.

After attending the meetings in Islamabad, Haji will proceed Peshawar to follow up activities of the Kuwait Red Crescent there and inspect projects undertaken by the Red Crescent and the organisation.

Haji said before departure he hoped the organisation would succeed in accomplishing its goals for the service of Islam and Muslims the world over.

Transformer contract

THE Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr Homoud Al Rqobah yesterday signed a contract with Siemens of West Germany for the supply and installation of three transformer stations. The contract is estimated at KD15 million to be implemented in two years.

Sheikh Sabah sends message to Dumas

PARIS, June 29. (KUNA): Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah today sent a message to his French counterpart Roland Dumas.

Sources told the Kuwait News Agency that the message came in reply to a similar message sent last week by Dumas dealing with bilateral relations.

The message was delivered to the Foreign Ministry by the Third Secretary at the Kuwaiti Embassy here Jamal Al Nasafi.

Sheikh Sabah meetings

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed received yesterday State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Al Rashid who was accompanied by the new director-general of Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Dr Ahmad Al Jassar on the occasion of his appointment.

He also received Lihyan Ambassador to Kuwait Hasuna Al Shawish for an exchange of views on a number of issues of mutual concern.

Public authority to plant date palms

A SENIOR official at the Public Authority for Fish Resource and Agriculture Affairs has announced that within Kuwait's afforestation plan, the authority will start planting date palms.

Deputy director-general of technical affairs at the authority Ahmed Al Naqeeh told KUNA yesterday that tens of thousands of palm seedlings can be produced by tissue planting in a single year.

He pointed out that experiments on tissue planting took place in one of the authority's laboratories, adding that such a practice is one of the new techniques developed recently.

On Kuwait's afforestation plan, Al Naqeeh said the authority, in co-operation with other governmental departments, have set up a plan whereby new gardens will be constructed and planted with trees that can grow in the country.

Restrictions

He pointed out that as some countries have imposed restrictions on exporting some kinds of date palms, the authority centred on producing those kinds and has successfully done so.

Al Naqeeh stated that to enrich the authority's abilities in the field of agriculture, a delegation visited Malaysia recently.

He said the United Agriculture Company, of which Kuwait owns 29 per cent, operates on 170,000 acres of land where palm oil trees are planted.

Control

The Malaysia-based company conducts experiments on man-planting palm trees through tissue planting, he went on to say, adding that experiments are still underway.

Many industries depend on

Law to regulate co-operative societies

THE new law governing the workings of co-operative consumer societies is pending endorsement by the Higher Planning Council.

The director general of the Kuwait Union of Co-operative Consumer Societies Abdul Latif Al Rasheed said the new law upon endorsement would replace the existing law and be comprehensive enough to cover all aspects of the co-operative movement.

He added, the new law upon endorsement would not be liable to revision and the proposed co-operative bank was still under study. Upon establishment, the co-operative bank would

provide alternative methods of long-term finance employed by the co-operative societies to pay for their merchandise. He said the bank would be run purely on religious law.

He disclosed that the co-operative bank would invest all financial surplus with the co-operative societies in production projects and in projects intended to boost the national food strategy. He added that total annual sales were around KD200 million, and this amount was needed to be invested in the service of the national economy as part of the efforts aimed at activating the national economic cycle.

Fahaheel Pakistan School results

ALL students of the Fahaheel Pakistan School, Mangaf, who appeared in the General group (Arts) examination of the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad, have passed. Miss Asima Syed secured 598 marks

with 'A' Grade. In the Science group 87 per cent of the students of the school were successful with Tahira Bashir securing 640 marks in Grade 'A' and Masrur-ul-Hasan Kashif scoring 620 in Grade 'A'.



Asima Syed



Masrur-ul-Hasan

Passengers protest hotel accommodation withdrawal

MUSCAT, June 29. (AP): Angry airline passengers forced Gulf Air and Air India to back down on a decision to halt free hotel accommodation for excursion fare layovers in Bombay and Delhi, officials at the two carriers said today.

Air India's station manager, Ranvir Tewari, said the airline was resuming the facility immediately. Officials at Gulf Air also confirmed the carrier was rescinding the June 7 decision.

Officials of both airlines said hundreds of passengers have complained in the past two weeks.

Thousands of Indian labourers working in the Gulf countries for an average monthly wage of \$150 would have been affected by the cancellation. Hotel accommodation in

Bombay and Delhi costs a minimum 250 rupees (\$23), hotel sources said. They predicted most passengers would choose to wait at the congested airports.

An estimated 75,000 Oman-based passengers fly to and from India every year and more than 90 per cent of them travel on excursion fares, according to airline sources.

Gulf Air has links to India from the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Qatar. Air India flies to all six Gulf Cooperation Council states — Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE.

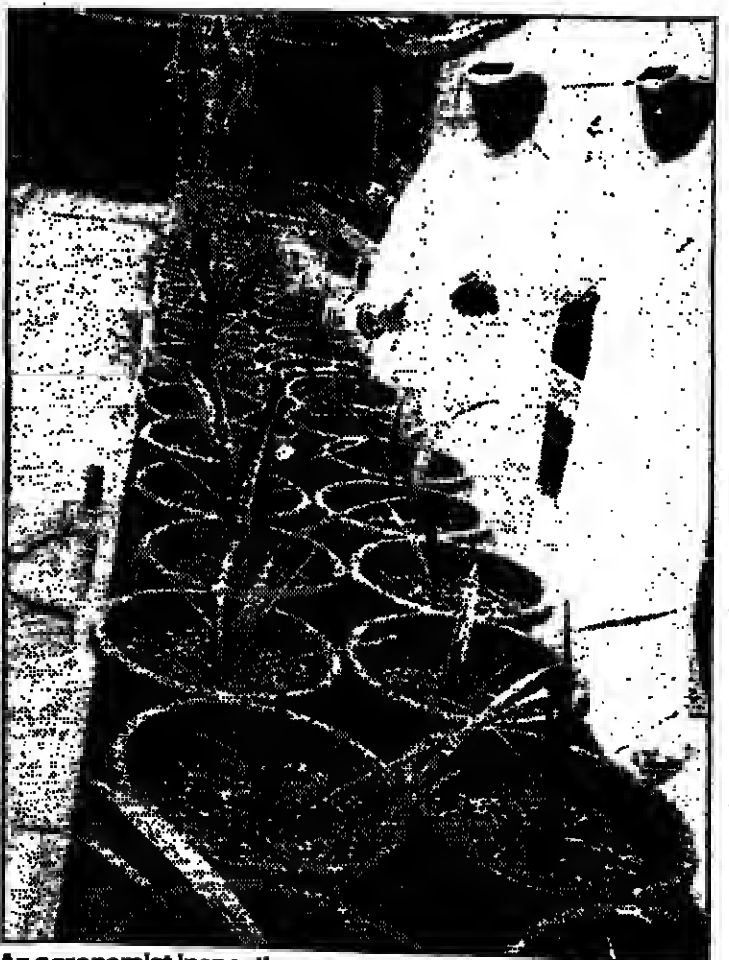
Gulf Air is jointly owned by Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the UAE, emirate of Abu Dhabi. Dubai's Emirates airlines also had cancelled the accommodation facility, but has not rescinded its decision.

Distribution of West Fintas plots

THE assistant director general for distribution, documentation and follow-up at the National Housing Authority (NHA) Farid Mishari Al Ojail disclosed that the NHA on July 3 will hold the fifth balloting for distribution of the West Fintas plots totalling 152. The remaining 225 plots out of the project's 1054

plots will be distributed during the next half of this year he said.

Speaking to a local newspaper, Al Ojail stated that the NHA would distribute 79 houses in Block 3 in the West Fintas Project late next August which would be the third batch out of 1125.



An agronomist inspecting the palm agriculture test.

palm trees, including wood and chemical fertilizers industries, the official noted.

With regard to the animal wealth, Al Naqeeh said that the authority, in addition to other concerned parties have been able to control the spread of foot-and-mouth disease that attacks cattle and causes death.

He pointed out that about 12,000 heads of cattle were vaccinated by the authority, adding that the importation of cattle is temporarily prohibited to curb the spread of the disease.

Vaccination against smallpox and hircelliasis will stop between June 1 and Aug 31 due to the hot climate, Al Naqeeh added.

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I BELIEVE in the discipline of silence and can talk for hours about it — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856-1950).

OPINION

Arabs are proud of Iraqi victories

FOR the first time, the Iraqi President has said that Iraq has made such a decisive impact on the Gulf war that it can be considered effectively over and the conflict will end in 1988.

President Saddam Hussein, while honouring Iraqi fighters, departed from his normal visualising of the war scenario as one which would go on until both sides declare their desire to end it peacefully and honourably through negotiations.

His statement means that he and his Army have imposed peace which the whole world could not. This, much sought after peace, had evaded the efforts of the entire world to Iran's failure in accepting all mediation efforts, international resolutions and calls for brotherhood, friendship and appeals to stop bloodshed.

Realising the true stubborn and arrogant mentality of the fanatical Iranian leadership, Saddam, during the past eight years refrained from predicting any date for an end to the war. He patiently prepared his country and the Army for a prolonged war and stressed in all his press interviews and political meetings that the end of the war would come about only when the Iranian regime was ready to sit at the negotiation table and accept conditions for peace. Without this, the Iraqi President saw no end to the war.

It now appears that the President has reached the stage of achieving his goals and objectives when he announced that the war will be over by the end of this year.

Obviously Saddam's prediction of the end of the war are not based on weak premises. The President knows what he says and means exactly what he says. Having personally led his men into many major battles, his vision for setting a date to the end of the war is based on first hand information. The major defeats that Iran has suffered in the recent past will be crowned when the Iranian people remove the regime that is continually leading them to their destruction and death. Though this regime is led by a man on the verge of death it still seeks more death and the spilling of blood in an exercise in futility.

The Iranian internal front is unlike that of a few years or even a few months ago. The defeats of the Iranian Army have led to uncovering the many mistakes, misdeeds and misinterpreted ideologies of the Iranian regime. Under these obvious constraints, it will not be possible for men eloquent only in speeches — like Rafsanjani — to lead Iran to any form of victory. Rafsanjani will find that the sound of rifles is different from that of microphones.

Saddam Hussein is to be highly commended for achieving what the whole world was striving for — peace and the implementation of the UN Security Council resolutions. More so, Saddam has restored to Arabs their pride and true heritage. All Arabs who followed the events of the war are certainly proud of Iraq's victories. These victories will go down not only in the history of Iraq, but in the annals of the entire Arab world. All Arabs join Saddam, his Army, his people and the country in their victory celebrations.

With the end of the war, however, we the Arab people will be the most to regret the forthcoming events in Iran when the Iranian people will seek retribution and revenge from the leaders who pushed four million of the best Iranian youths to their untimely deaths in the senseless war. We pray for Allah's mercy upon them — for it is not mistakes of these victims. It was rather, the mistake of those who aspired to build up their own glory over the bodies of their compatriots.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Lebanese orphans live in constant fear

By Diana Abdallah

SFARAY, Lebanon, (Reuters): Children, whose constant companion is fear, play in rose gardens bordered by land-mines in a fragile sanctuary on the front-line of Lebanon's wars.

Shrapnel and empty cartridge cases are given places of honour at their bedsides, alongside the pop posters and children's books of another world.

The 82 orphans and homeless Lebanese children living at the Austrian-founded SOS children's village, are effectively cut off from the outside by civil war and encircling armies.

"We live here with fear as our only companion," said Jamil Masad, the director of the SOS village.

"If you search the world you will not find children living on such a battlefield," he said.

The compound lies on the Kfar Falous battlefield, the westernmost outpost of the Christian town of Jezzine separating Muslim and Palestinian fighters from Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militiamen.

The SLA frontline, at a battle-scarred hospital, is only one km (less than a mile) south of the SOS compound.

The children's village, nestled among lush orchards on a hillside, overlooks hamlets and towns, including the port of Sidon, controlled by the Muslims

and Palestinians. But the tranquility of the orchards and the rose gardens is an illusion.

A closer look reveals the ravages of war, with bullet and shellholes in the walls of the compound's houses bearing testimony to the fighting which scars the land.

The battles first flared in 1985 when Israel withdrew the bulk of the troops which invaded Lebanon in 1982.

Now the children have learned to run at the sound of gunfire, emerging only when the fighting has ended to collect the shrapnel and gleaming brass cartridge cases to turn into coveted toys.

"I am sure if there is a running competition, the children will come first... they run so hard to safety every time they hear a bullet or shell," said Masad.

He said no children had been injured since the battles began, but an ambulance parked at the compound entrance was kept in case of emergencies.

During the past three years the children have grown used to the battles but the hidden dangers of land-mines planted on the roads around the village are a constant worry.

Early this month a civilian car drove over a land-mine at the entrance to the SOS compound, killing the driver.

"They (the commandos) sneak in at night and plant mines all around the compound," said Masad.

One-sided view

SIR: This refers to a Christian Science Monitor article entitled "Japan discovers Israel" by Daniel Smelder, that appeared in the Arab Times on June 23, 1988.

In the article the writer allegedly describes that Japan is seeking its own interest through a visit to Israel by Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno, and further says that "Arab governments have protested the visit," and exaggerates the Japanese-Israeli trade exchange. I cannot but feel that the article is quite one-sided.

To the best of our knowledge, Arab governments have not protested the visit.

On the contrary, Syria, Jordan and Egypt decided to welcome Mr Uno's visit to their countries, being fully aware that he was visiting Israel after visiting these three states. Should they have been opposed to his visit to Israel, they would not have accepted his visit to their own countries.

Our embassy in Kuwait, through talks with Kuwaiti leaders as well as through observation of Kuwaiti and other Arab press regarding this visit, has noticed almost no criticisms of the visit by the Gulf countries. Maybe, the only criticism was the one raised by certain Arab ambassadors stationed in Tokyo.

As to the Japanese-Israeli commercial exchange, the article covers only one side of the story. Japan's trade with the

Arab world is far greater than that with Israel. We can confirm that the Japanese-Arab trade is \$27,906 million compared to that of only \$597 million with Israel as of 1986, that is to say, our trade with Arab world is 47 times more than that with Israel.

Japanese economic assistance and co-operation with the Arab countries amounted to \$267 million in 1986, compared to \$0.34 million, that is Israel in the same year, that is 785 times larger.

In Israel, which he visited only after visiting three Arab countries, Mr Uno had not only met Israeli leaders but also visited the occupied territories and met six eminent Palestinian people. He also visited the refugee camp of Dheisheh, where, having seen the situation and talked with the people there, he expressed heartfelt sympathy and announced Japan's intention to make a financial contribution of \$500,000.

In conclusion, let me recall that Japan's Middle Eastern policy is based on three essential principles. They are: (1) withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from all the Arab territories occupied since the 1967 war, (2) recognition of the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people including the right to establish an independent state, and (3) recognition of Israeli right of existence. Needless to say, these principles have been stressed by

Mr Uno during his visit to Israel.

Hara Satoshi,
Minister-Counsellor,
Embassy of Japan
in Kuwait

Swindling people

SIR: It is evident that the press cannot check the merit and soundness of every advertisement it publishes. But it is becoming also evident that claims made by some advertisers either for products or services are to say the least, totally false.

In some countries similar misrepresentations or false claims made through the media, with the intention of inducing an error, or cheating the public are criminal offences.

In Kuwait, are there any possible means of preventing such abuse and misuse of the press and protecting the public from frauds and swindles?

If not, we suggest that the press should expose such malpractices whenever it is made aware of them, since the duty of the press is not only to inform the public but also to protect it.

We have read during the past few months advertisements of some so-called employment offices offering jobs in cruise ships with extremely attractive conditions. We were told by some of the young people who sent their applications that they were "conned", swindled by the advertisers who asked for

substantial payments to process their applications, and who disappeared into thin air after pocketing the money, often made from hard-earned savings.

More recently, needing some translation in German and in French, we entrusted a so-called self-designated translation firm, which had been widely advertising its services.

As we possess an extensive knowledge of French but not of German, we decided to ask that firm to translate the matter in both languages, to save time to judge the quality of their work.

The so-called French translation was not much better than the efforts of a Swahili in his first year of French as his third language. In other terms, it was a massacre of Voltaire's and Lamartine's beautiful language.

Had French been to us the mystery it was to the translator, and our clients would have become the target of ridicule of all the readers.

We request for your assistance in protecting the readers, by whichever means you may think possible from those who want to make fools of us and the press.

E. Georgeour,
Safat

Don't provoke

SIR: All the people of the sub-continent are known as "Hindis" regardless of their country of origin. Consequently, Indians, Pakistanis, Bangladeshis and Sri Lankans are all identified as "Hindis."

Most Asians are kind, humble people who try not to get involved in trouble. Some Arabs illtreat them, ridiculing them in public. Sometimes, such behaviour has tragic consequences, such as the recent killing of a KPTC driver and bus conductor by a harassed Indian.

I request our Arab friends, on behalf of all Indians, not to mistreat Asians and not to provoke them to do wrong things.

A reader
(Name and address supplied)

Footpath

SIR: A footpath is meant for the safety of pedestrians. Recently, due to security reasons barricades have been installed around the Central Telephone Exchange in Kuwait City. Pedestrians cannot use it and have to risk their lives while walking along the busy road. I request the authorities to allocate some space for the safety of pedestrians.

Alex Pinto,
Safat

Good news

SIR: V.P. Singh's victory in the recent Allahabad election is good news for his followers. Now there is the possibility of a strong opposition party leader in the Indian Parliament as the people of Allahabad have given the mandate to Singh.

H.S. Rao,
Safat



School uniform

SIR: The New Indian School principal recently notified parents about the gradual change in school uniform.

Parents have already bought several uniforms for their children. Now, they will have to buy new uniforms. Due to the general economic recession, it is difficult for parents to spend large sums on new uniforms, particularly if more than one child is studying at the school. What will we do with the old uniforms?

I do not understand why the school management didn't take the opinion of parents. I hope the principal will reconsider his decision.

A parent
(Name and address supplied)

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A formation of Japanese self-defence force helicopters reinforcing tanks during a military manoeuvre at Higashifuji on the outskirts of Mount Fuji in this 1986 file picture. (Reuters wirephoto)

40 years after break with Moscow

By Ivan Stefanovic

BELGRADE, (UPI): Yugoslavia this week passes the 40th anniversary of its expulsion from the Soviet bloc and subsequent decision to seek an alternate path to socialism.

Yet state-run media have kept silent on the anniversary on Tuesday and no official celebration is planned, primarily because of economic and political problems gripping the nation.

In addition, the government doesn't want to embarrass Moscow following Mikhail Gorbachev's March visit that showed Yugoslav-Soviet relations at a new level of cordiality.

Grappling with a host of burgeoning economic, social and political problems, Yugoslavia with 23 million people would have preferred that the anniversary fall in better times.

Ten years ago, Yugoslavia was proudly displaying to tourists from Eastern Europe the advantages of its unorthodox, self-management system which was

Troubled times for Yugoslavia

dismissed by the Kremlin as heretic revisionism.

Now, some of the consumer goods are still available, albeit at much higher prices, but there is also a 170-per cent inflation, the highest in Europe, rising unemployment and stagnating production and productivity, compounded by a \$21-billion foreign debt.

Josip Broz Tito, the founder of modern Yugoslavia, ruled the country for 35 years until his death in May 1980.

Under Tito, the strategically located Balkan country broke away from the Soviet orbit and became a founding member of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Soviet Union helped liberate the country from Nazi German occupiers and assisted Tito to power, but maintained its influence over him for less than three years after the end of World War II.

War II.

By the spring of 1948, Tito's rift with Josef Stalin over taking orders from Moscow under the Kremlin policy of dictating to all communist nations erupted into the open.

On June 28, 1948, the Informbureau, a Soviet-dominated grouping of all communist nations and parties, at a meeting held in Bucharest, Romania, unanimously voted to expel Yugoslavia from the organisation for alleged revisionism and "deserting the principles of Marxism-Leninism."

The move signified Yugoslavia's excommunication from the Soviet bloc.

Boycott

Moscow and its allies immediately imposed a trade boycott that hit Yugoslavia particularly hard, as more than 80 per cent of its foreign trade had until then been conducted with its ideological allies.

To offset the consequences, Tito accepted economic aid and military equipment from the United States, and received aid in foreign trade also from France and Great Britain.

Since then things have changed fast, but not for the better. Now, largely because of indiscriminate borrowing and mismanagement of economic investments, Yugoslavia is going through its worst economic crisis since the wartime privations.

While Tito is still revered as the war hero and the man who defied Stalin 40 years ago, any admiration for his postwar economic achievement is fading fast.

Yugoslavia's experiment in self-management of state enterprises, developed after Tito's break with Moscow, has been less than a success.

There is mounting criticism of Tito's 1974 constitution, which is about to be revised because the system of annually rotating top government posts among leaders of various ethnic groups has proved unworkable.

Japanese companies become more open about arms sales plans

By James Kynge

TOKYO, (Reuters): Flaunting one of post-war Japan's biggest taboos, some Japanese companies have begun talking openly about expanding their sales of weapons.

The fastest growth by the defence industry since World War II and recent demands by the United States that Japan spend more on its military have combined to draw arms makers into the daylight, analysts said.

Nissan Motor, known throughout the world as an automaker, asked its shareholders yesterday to approve a change in the company's articles acknowledging for the first time that it makes weapons, a company spokeswoman said.

The automotive giant has been manufacturing military hardware for the last 34 years, she told Reuters.

"The reason we changed our articles of incorporation" she said, "is because we think that national defence is very important."

"Work for the defence agency has been increasing and we are going to accept more work in the future."

Sales

In sales terms, Nissan does not even rank among the top 20 contractors to Japan's defence agency, but analysts said the company's move was typical of a trend among weapons makers to become more open about their trade.

"A few years ago you would visit companies and they would not even discuss their defence business," said Stephen Marvin, analyst at Jardine Fleming (Securities) in Tokyo.

"Now, the reticence toward defence is clearly receding very rapidly," he said. "They talk

about it as a viable growth sector."

Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries changed its articles of incorporation to include the word "weapon" in June, 1987, a company spokesman said.

It has long been one of the defence agency's top 10 military contractors, an agency spokesman said.

The leading shipbuilder and heavy machinery maker boasts a 70 per cent Japanese market share in jet engines, analysts said.

General manager of the weapons-making section of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Yoshiaki Yamada, told Reuters he hoped to increase the size of his division to account for a third or at least a quarter of the whole company's sales. Mitsubishi is already the largest of the Japanese defence contractors.

In the year ended last March 31, Mitsubishi's aerospace and special vehicle division, which Yamada manages, claimed just 18.3 per cent of the company's sales.

Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Japan's second biggest military goods merchant, want to increase its defence-related production by one or two per cent of total sales in the current year, ending March 31, 1989, a company spokesman said.

Last year, 20 to 25 per cent of Kawasaki's 579.73 billion yen (\$4.5 billion) in sales were in defence-related equipment, the spokesman said.

On June 23, the company said it was considering bidding for a role in a US-sponsored research project aimed at creating a high-altitude missile shield above the Western Pacific. The project is part of America's Strategic Defence Initiative programme, also known as "Star Wars."

By Chris Peterson

BANGKOK, (Reuters): Thailand is being hit by a series of strikes and labour rallies that politicians and analysts see as a threat to Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda in the run-up to general elections on July 24.

Prem, who has not run for a parliamentary seat since taking office as compromise prime minister in 1980, is seen by political analysts as one of the targets of strikes and work slowdown in various state-run enterprises.

As Bangkok's busy port slowed down on Tuesday and workers threatened to cut water and power supplies to Prem's official residence and government offices, armed forces spokesman Naradeth Dejsirapitth denied press reports that the Army was behind the unrest.

The Securities Exchange of Thailand index dropped nine points, or two per cent, on Friday and Monday as investors unloaded shares on fears the unrest would erupt into an all-out general strike.

Protesting

The workers in the state-run industries are protesting against government plans to introduce privatisation, but analysts say some politicians were using the labour strife to drive a wedge between Prem and some members of his four-party coalition.

Intelligence sources told Reuters at least one former Army colonel turned politician was believed to be behind the industrial unrest, and had been implicated in an abortive coup against Prem in the past.

Strikes threaten Prem before polls

believed to be behind the industrial unrest, and had been implicated in an abortive coup against Prem in the past.

But the sources stressed that the man had no current links with the armed forces, which have pledged to stay on the sidelines in the election campaign.

"In a country like Thailand, where the word coup is in everybody's mind at times like these, Prem can't afford to ignore the strikers," said one Western diplomat.

Power

Until recently the military was a key power base in Thai society, with former senior officers taking over state-run enterprises after finishing active service.

Commented one Western diplomat: "There's a trend towards a rise of capital and the decline of traditional power sources — to wit, the Army."

"How much this worries the military remains to be seen."

Prem, a 67-year-old former armed forces commander-in-chief, became prime minister in 1980, chosen as a compromise candidate acceptable to the military, the civil servants and the monarchy.

He has been the target of two

failed coup attempts.

Since 1986 Thailand's economy has expanded rapidly, with exports booming and steadily increasing foreign investment.

The gross domestic product is predicted to grow by between eight and nine per cent for this year, compared with 7.1 per cent in 1987.

Despite the labour unrest, politicians say they do not expect any major confrontations ahead of nationwide celebrations to mark 42 years on the throne by King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Thailand's longest-serving monarch, in the first week of July.

Respect

The Thai royal family is held in deep respect by the bulk of the country's 54 million people — only last week a politician was jailed for four years for insulting the king.

Political analysts rate Prem's chances of returning to power as high because no single party looks likely to win an absolute majority in the 357-seat parliament.

Student leaders have called for the next prime minister to be one who has run for office, a clear challenge to Prem.

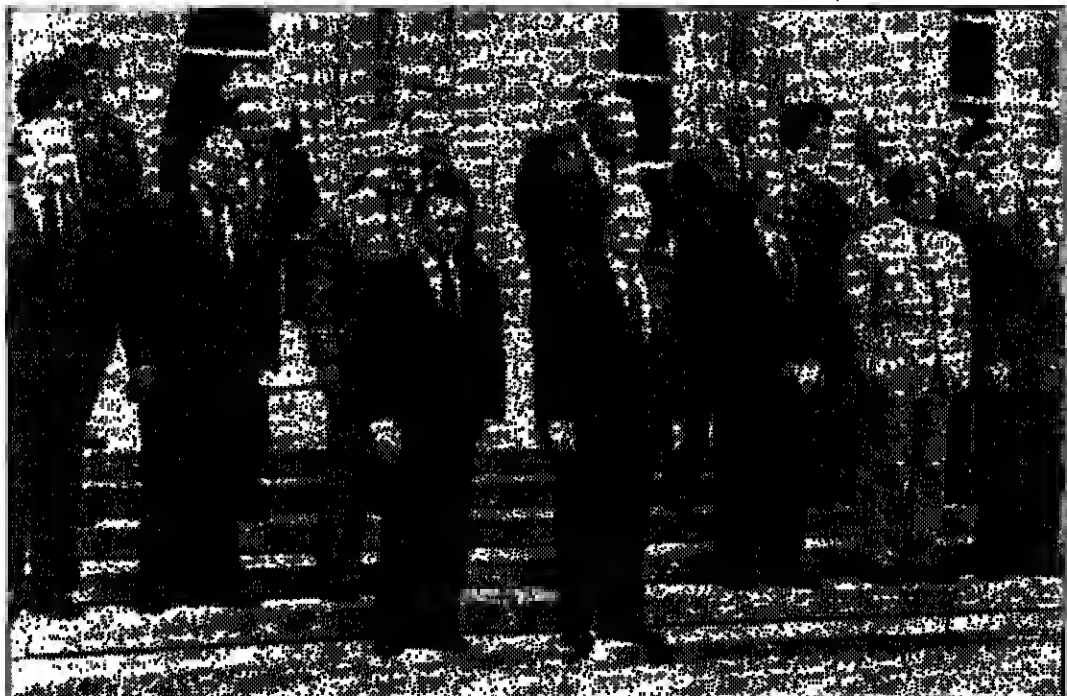
IN FOCUS

The world today

THE mine-damaged US frigate Samuel B. Roberts perches on the deck of a special cargo ship that will carry it on a 40-day journey from the Gulf to a repairyard in the United States. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOVIET leader Mikhail Gorbachev (right) speaking with fellow Politburo members Ygor Ligachev (left) and Alexander Yakovlev at the Communist Party conference in Moscow yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH President Francois Mitterrand (foreground right) and Prime Minister Michel Rocard pose for photographers with the new cabinet, at the Elysee Palace, yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



SUNDAY NANA, 65, stands in the yard of his depot, where hazardous chemicals from Italy are stored in broken containers. (Reuter wirephoto)



TURKISH rescue workers pull out one of the victims who were trapped in a coffee-house debris after a landslide engulfed the Catak village on June 23. (Reuter wirephoto)



VICE-PRESIDENT George Bush points to a reporter to take another question during a news conference in a wind tunnel at the NASA-Ames Research Centre in Mountain View, California. (Reuter wirephoto)



ARMED communist rebels, (right) shake hands with government soldiers whom they set free after nearly two months of captivity in the Philippines' central province of Negros Occidental. (Reuter wirephoto)



EMERGENCY workers rushing 'casualties' to safety during a security exercise yesterday at Seoul airport, entry port for thousands of athletes and tourists coming to this year's Olympics. (Reuter wirephoto)



DISSIDENT Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre ordains a new priest in a ceremony yesterday. Lefebvre plans to consecrate four bishops today without papal approval resulting in Lefebvre and the bishops being automatically excommunicated from the Roman Catholic church. (Reuter wirephoto)



MICHAELA Aguilera de Garcia hugs her son Jose de Jesus Garcia Aguilera when they were reunited on Tuesday. The boy was found wandering the streets of Juarez last year, and had been a mystery to child welfare workers on both sides of Mexico border. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOLDIERS and forensic experts examine the remains of a bus after a bomb exploded under it, injuring two people in Lisnakea, Northern Ireland. (Reuter wirephoto)



KIM DAE-JUNG, South Korea's best known dissident, addressed Parliament yesterday for the first time in 16 years. (Reuter wirephoto)

HUMOUR/FEATURES

Grad school or junior high?

SANTA CRUZ, California, (AP): After graduating from college in three years, 11-year-old Adragon Eastwood de Mello faces a mind-boggling choice: should he pursue the answer to cosmic riddles? Or should he go to junior high?

Like most boys his age, the freckle-faced lad with a prince valiant haircut would rather not go back to junior high. "I already know that stuff," he lamented as he received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Cowell College at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

But, unless Adragon is admitted to a graduate programme, he will be required by state law to go to junior high this fall. His father, Augustin de Mello, is prepared to send his son abroad to escape that fate.

Adragon would like to continue his studies at the Santa Cruz campus, but has not yet heard whether he's been accepted in the graduate division for the fall.

"I want to start learning scientific programming next year," he said. "I want to go into astrophysics or particle physics, which hopefully will lead to the discovery of the creation of the universe, which is what I'm interested in."

Fishing contest deemed cruel

HAMM, West Germany, (AP): A West German court has fined two organisers of a fishing contest 1,200 marks (714 dollars) each for cruelty to animals after ruling that fish feel pain when hooked and pulled from the water.

The unusual decision grew out of a suit filed by an animal rights group against a local angling club that staged a fishing contest two years ago.

The object of the contest was to see which fisherman could catch the most pounds of fish in two days. After the fish were pulled in and weighed, they were returned to the water.

Civil court judge Horst Brinkmann based his decision on testimony of experts called in to determine whether or not fish feel pain when hooked, and if they suffered during the time they were out of the water.

Four wildlife experts testified that an increased heart-and-laboured breathing of the fish after they were pulled from the water indicated that fish feel pain. Brinkmann ruled that fishing was permissible if fish were quickly killed, and if they were caught for useful purposes.

But the judge said that simply catching the fish to weigh and determine which angler was more skilled subjected the creatures to unusually cruel treatment.

"Fishing contests serve no further purpose than to determine who has won," Brinkmann ruled.

Run and deliver ... together

OMAHA, Nebraska, (AP): Jim and Geoff Hall — aid runners who have spent many summers breaking each other's track records — are used to a little brotherly competition.

This time, the race was on in the maternity ward at Bergan Mercy Hospital.

The two Hall cousins arrived on the same day, delivered by the same doctor.

Also, both mothers are 27 with first names beginning with "K."

Things were a bit confused at first. Geoff, 27, and his wife, Kim, arrived at Bergan's emergency entrance first.

"Jim and Kathy showed up about 15 minutes later and told the people at the desk, 'We're Kathy and Jim Hall.' And the people at the desk said, 'No, you're not — They're here,' " Geoff recalled.

Forgotten goods

DES MOINES, Iowa, (AP): For the second time in five months, maids at a motor hotel have found a bundle of cash worth thousands of dollars inside a room.

"What, again?" asked police detective Warren Martin after a cleaning woman reported finding 5,000 dollars. Martin has been trying to locate the owner of the last batch of money, about 10,000 dollars, at the Budget motel.

Officer Larry Smiley said the maid who found the latest money was "really pretty calm about it. I can see someone forgetting their toothbrush, maybe even their luggage. But all that money?"

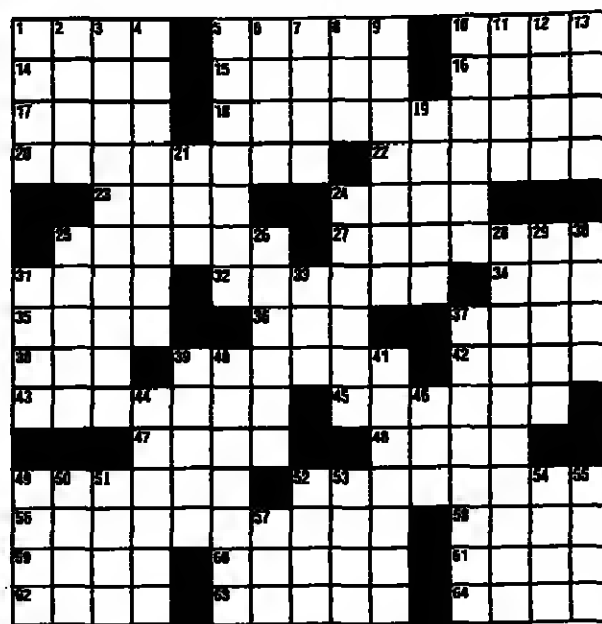
The man who most recently rented the room left an address in Arizona after first starting to write Kansas on the desk register. Police have the name of the man who last rented the room where the 10,000 dollars was found and traced him to an address in California, but attempts to contact him have been unsuccessful.

Reagan's Soviet namesake

MOSCOW, (AP) Happy parents Romulad and Biruta Saltsevich from Soviet Latvia have named their fifth child, a boy weighing 11 pounds (5kg), Ronald — for the US President, the Soviet News Agency Tass reports.

Tass quoted the Saltsevichs, a railwayman, and his wife as saying they believe in the success of the Soviet-US summit in Moscow and hope for a peaceful future for their children and for all young people on earth.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ Q76 ♥ 93 ♦ KQ10 ♣ A10873
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♥ 2 ♦ ?

What action do you take?
A.—One possibility is to bid two no trump, in the hope that partner has enough for game. However, since there is no guarantee of game, we suggest you double. You should take at least three, perhaps four, tricks on defense. So if partner has a sound opening bid you could collect a bundle.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ AK10762 ♥ AJ93 ♦ 72 ♣ 6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass

What action do you take?
A.—Don't feel it incumbent upon you to rebid your spades just to tell partner you have six of them. Bear in mind that partner's one no trump response could easily be concealing a four-card or longer heart suit. Bid two hearts.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 83 ♥ QJ762 ♦ Q106 ♣ J73
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♣ Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—Partner's jump shift is unconditionally forcing, so don't even

think of passing. With your weak hand and no particular fit, we wouldn't even take a preference to three clubs. Instead, the more discouraging bid of two no trump, which shows a diamond stopper, should dampen partner's ardor.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ AK2 ♥ 98 ♦ J76 ♣ QJ632
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♦ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—You have already shown a decent hand with your two-over-one response, so now there is no need to do anything more than take a preference to two spades. The fact that you have the two top honors in partner's suit was already taken into account when you responded at the two-level.

Q.5—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 9 ♥ AQ106 ♦ AQJ6 ♣ J985
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three hearts. What action do you take?

A.—You would love to punish RHO for his rash action, but there is nothing you can do—a double would be for takeout. Pass, and hope that partner can reopen the bidding with a double, which you would convert to penalties by passing, or by bidding three spades, in which case you could venture three no trump.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 9853 ♥ 762 ♦ AK852 ♣ 3
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♠ ?

What action do you take?
A.—We like your hand. Partner surely has at most a singleton spade, so there is the probability of a double fit. We opt for four hearts, although we personally fancy the idea of a lead-directing three-diamond bid on the way to four hearts.

Confessions of a single dieter

By Richard Rothstein

I'VE tried dieting, and I've tried love and I've learned one thing in the process: The two don't mix. If you came to my apartment, you could guess my marital status by just peeking in the refrigerator.

On an average day, my sister's "married" fridge contains a bakery window's worth of cakes, enough fruit juice to float a tank, half a pizza, beer, bagels, waffles, yogurt, ice pops, foil-wrapped leftovers, and my eleven-year-old nephew's school science experiment.

In contrast, my temptation-free refrigerator stores ketchup from 1981, diet margarine, "lite" cheese, cantaloupe, one head of brownish lettuce, a case of diet soda, ice cubes, and something close to seventy-five duck-sauce packets from Chinese take-out restaurant.

Unappetizing as the contents of my refrigerator may be, the absence of fast-food snacks makes it easier to count calories. I don't have to watch someone else munch on potato chips and onion dip, while I'm trying to convince myself that the String Bean Surprise I've concocted is really a double-bacon cheeseburger and that I don't even like chips.

Married dieters are lucky in some ways: they have the security of structured meal-times. They also have a (usually) sympathetic shoulder to cry on when the going gets tough and a personal cheering section to urge them on with cries of "Let's win this one for the zipper!"

I have only my old friend, Will Power, to cheer me. Sometimes, Will follows me around like a shadow. At other times, it seems that I've lost him completely. When he's feeling really mean, Will soaks up

me late at night when I'm cuddled up on the sofa bed with Joan Collins, watching Dynasty. At such times my fridge starts shaking violently, like a possessed creature in a Stephen King novel.

And yet, I'd still pick solo calorie cutting. For one thing, I know I'm eating my way. When I was a kid, dinner included an appetizer, a main course, and if I finished all my brussels sprouts, dessert. I'm convinced that Mom (not to mention any woman I'd want to date) would be horrified if she knew that, at times, I eat my meals in the reverse order, starting with low-calorie chocolate pudding, followed by salad and, two hours later, by a frozen diet TV dinner.

For another thing, a lover is no guarantee of moral support. I lived several months without one of those weird people who can eat what they want, when they want — without gaining a

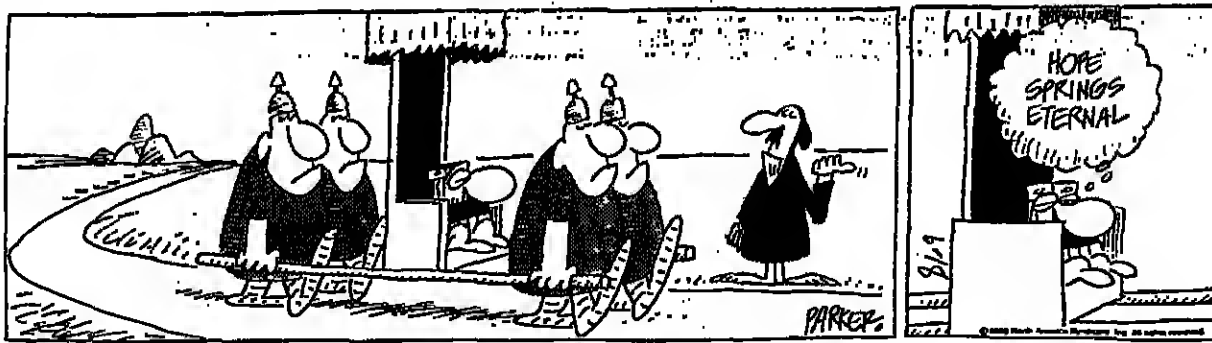
pound. My erstwhile girlfriend was the type who would devour an entire box of doughnuts and then complain about how she couldn't keep weight on.

I became frustrated by our semi-married refrigerator. Finally, I begged my inamorata to buy only desserts I hated, like low-calorie prune sherbet, one of only two things that doesn't look appetizing to me when I'm hungry — the other being my dog's rawhide beef chews. She laughed. The relationship ended not long afterward.

Now, I try to look at the brighter side of being single, even when my willpower evaporates altogether. After all, food can be a better companion than a human being: Sicilian pizza doesn't care whether you respect it in the morning. French toast won't leave the cap off the tooth paste tube, and Heavenly Hash ice cream doesn't come with a mother-in-law.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Something that has been bothering you will resolve itself. You should think carefully before you enter into a new commitment. Do not rely on a piece of good luck to get you out of trouble. Be considerate.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should seek to keep things simple. Make sure you listen to what others are saying and do not always try to have the last word. Do not allow yourself to become too enthralled by gadgets. Be more methodical.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Do not be too disappointed if something you have tried to do does not succeed. If you have done your best that is all that can be expected of you. Make sure you do not lose touch with an old friend of yours. Be sensible.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not do anything on the spur of the moment. A little more common sense and great deal more goodwill is what is needed just now. Avoid being excessively critical. Be frugal.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You have the wind in your sails but you should not change direction right now. Something you have intended to do should be done without further delay. You should not neglect your personal hygiene. Be practical.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You are rather liable to get stuck in a rut, try to do something just a little different. You should beware of believing everything you hear. Make sure you get all the rest you need without being lazy. Be more moderate.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should make sure you do not forget a skill you have not been using lately, keep practicing. You should not do anything that would contradict something you have already done. Leave yourself more time for your private pursuits. Be helpful.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Make sure you do not overspend, or if you do try to restore the balance as soon as possible. You should do all you can to increase harmony between yourself and your partner. Do not worry about something that may never happen.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will tend to feel a little more nervous and should try to take things as they come. However, that does not mean accepting things as they are if they can be changed for the better. Once you have made up your mind stick to it. Be less solemn.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You should not allow some secondary matter to take up too much of your time and attention. Make sure you listen to what others have to say and do not hesitate to ask if you think you have not quite understood. Take better care of your health. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

This is going to be a most interesting day for you. Make sure you read the small print before you sign any sort of contract. Do not hesitate to ask for advice if there is anything you are not sure about. Be resilient.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

There is no time to lose; nor should you dissipate your energies. You will be able to overcome a problem that has been bothering you. You should not allow yourself to be distracted from what you are doing. Be magnanimous.

ANDY CAPP

By Smith



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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

Special to the Arab Times

By
Firoze Rangoonwalla

The real Raj Kapoor

IN the death of Raj Kapoor, India's film world lost one of its most genuine talents. Such a multi-faced talent is born just once in half a century. Various forms of tributes were paid to him including biographical documentaries, TV productions and a couple of books.

But these have all failed to probe the mystique behind the actor, film maker, showman, pet of the film world and the eternal lover that he was known as. There were many aspects to this man which are little-known and require to be probed in order to understand the psyche of a creative artist in the film medium. In fact there was also a complete other side to the "lovable man" (as he was known to the outside world.)

His personal life itself could be a topic of much discussion on grounds of ethics the normal human criteria which film celebrities ignore with audacity. Of course, Raj was largely a simple and modest man, devoted to his work and his studio. But then he also drank heavily, lost his sense of balance, treated people gruffly and kept up his weakness for women. He also stuck to the commercialism of Bombay's cinema and suppressed his dreams of making unusual films. In his early life he was too busy and in his later life too weak and addicted to do what he wanted.

That is why Raj was haunted by many memories. He could not forget his youth, his success as a handsome hero, his early films which were sensible as well as successful. Above all, he could not forget Nargis, his main inspiration to the youthful days, who was the life force of his films and a pillar of the R. K. Studio which he co-constructed when "Awaraz" was being shot. But then, Raj was also accused of exploiting women and exposing the female anatomy in his films. After the parting with Nargis came Padma and then Vyjayantimala who grew very close to him. Since then, his films became more vulgar and showy. He often gave up direction of many films and entrusted it to others. His family life was stormy. Why?

There is a lot of "why" and "how" about Raj which cinephiles will keep wondering over. The two documentaries made on him before his death do not probe into such intimate problems or into his growth and decline as an artist. They merely scrape the surface of his films and show him more as a song and dance master. Simi's one-hour movie made for BBC tries to dig his relation with Nargis, while skipping the case of Vyjayantimala (now a Member of Parliament). While speaking on Nargis, too, Raj does not exactly emerge with flying colours. He simplifies the whole issue by saying: "My wife is not my actress and my actress is not my wife."

When asked why he never married Nargis, he makes it worse by explaining: "My actress is my heroine, she cannot be the mother of my children like my wife." People may then well ask why a director and hero keeps such intimate levels with heroines, that some of them nearly escape becoming mothers of his children. It is the velocity of love and libido that fuels the making of excellent films. But then the consequences of such love should not be



Modern day Krishna? A young Raj surrounded by young women.

faced by the woman alone. Here again Raj passes the buck by saying: "The actresses see on the screen what I have done with them. It is not me they love but themselves. So nobody is cheated."

The film by Siddharth Kak avoids such issues, being a production of the government body Films Division. Both films carry the story of how Raj had first met Nargis and then transcribed the same scene in "Bobby" with Rishi and Dimple. It is refreshing until you realise it's a publicity gimmick. This is confirmed by another stunt Simi tries to pull off which falls flat. It says that when Raj wanted Vyjayantimala for "Sangham", he sent her a telegram asking: "Bol Radha bol sangam hoga ki nahin". From the location where she was doing another film, she sent back a cable saying: "Hoga hoga hoga". The immigrant population of London, seeing this on BBC might have been convinced, but we know it was all for a song.

In Simi's film, the sub-titles in English appear for some time and then vanish — perhaps she realises that the Britishers are not going to watch it closely. In fact she uses such an extract from "Ram Teri" right at the start, that it would put off any film buff. Another fib is that Nargis was 16 years old when Raj signed her for "Aag". Actually, she had played heroine in many films by then. When Raj's family members are interviewed they go haywire in over-praising him. Randhir says that Raj was like a fire brigade. Rajeev says that he was the Pope of cinema and brother Shashi describes him as a modern incarnation of Lord Krishna (who was always surrounded by gopi i.e. maidens). Raj's daughter Rima says that she loved her father as he was a complete man.

Where Raj sounds more true is while confessing: "I am full of regrets. I could not reach where I wanted. Now there is very

little time left to do things. This film world is a house of heart-breaks. You get the rap both ways, whether you succeed or fail. All my films are like my children. But then some kids are born with some defects, like being lame, etc. 'Mera Nam Joker' was one such child". In Kak's film also Raj is to a lamenting mood: "My life is my work and my work is cinema. I am happy playing the underdog. Thank God, I am not an educated man. I can share the joy with the common man. The film is a mass medium, not a drawing-room conversation."

About Nargis he says: "I still remember that face and look. She was a noble lady who could feel the pain of others, who could generate spiritual power in anyone." This is juxtaposed with her song from "Shri 420" which says: "Main na rahungi, tum na rahog, phir hi rahengi nishaniyan and the scene shows three children walking away in the rain. The irony is that they are the children of Raj's wife Krishna (playing bit roles). It asserts the showman's theory that his actress cannot be the mother of his children. But it does not justify his love life.

Both films are a feast for those who revel in nostalgia. Apart from the surfeit of songs and dances, Raj talks about his own past life. The earliest memory is of a religious school drama, where Raj over-acted by going round Christ in an over-long cassock. In the third scene he fell down and even the actors laughed. Raj could take pride in that he even made Christ laugh. There is also memorable footage from the past, like Raj with Pandit Nehru at the golden jubilee celebration of Indian Cinema, or Raj's visit to USSR where Russians sang "Awaraz Hoon" with him. There is some specially shot (and acted) footage where the aged Raj in bed in his house gets up and takes the artificial device for breathing.

Then he says: "I can't help making films and I can't help



Raj Kapoor with Vyjayantimala, once a very close friend.

going breathless". There are semi-circular camera shots of him with different expressions as he recalls the past. The scene from "Mera Nam Joker" where the clown's heart is removed and doctors operate on him came very near to his real-life condition in the Delhi hospital, when Simi's film was being telecast.

After his death, television put up different tribute programmes. One was so badly recorded that nothing could be heard of what the film people and politicians were saying. The second one, also done by

Sai Paranjpe in Hindi, proved better. Ashok Kumar said that they lived in the same area, Chembur, and had been friends from childhood. There could not be a merrier person. Dev Anand gave the routine line that Raj is not dead, he lives in the hearts and minds of people. L.V. Prasad said that Raj did the unusual role in "Sharda" which other heroes refused. Even the Delhi doctors praised him by saying that Raj was a very brave patient, who would smile "good morning" without fail till he was unconscious.

Some apt remarks came from Basu Bhattacharya who made only one film "Teesri Kasam" with him. Speaking in broken Hindi, Basu said that Raj can be called a restless actor and a dissatisfied film maker. He loved every moment of film-making but he did not see his real dreams come true. His earlier films were his best work. But later he was overpowered by commercial pressures. Salil Choudhry said that deep inside the commercial showman was an intellectual who wanted to make better films. That is why after seeing Bimal Roy's realistic "Do Bigha Zamin" he had said: "I wish I had made this film."

The final touch of grief as well as hope was promoting the idea that Raj Kapoor will be reborn very soon. Manmohan Desai said that he believed in re-birth and this will happen soon. Rajendra Kumar, who was like a younger brother, quoted "I will die early. But don't worry, I will go fast and come back almost immediately". So after 15 years we will have another Raj Kapoor. This was soon echoed by many fans.

Whether we believe it or not, it only shows the deep affection which so many people had for Raj Kapoor and their inability to accept that he is no longer there.

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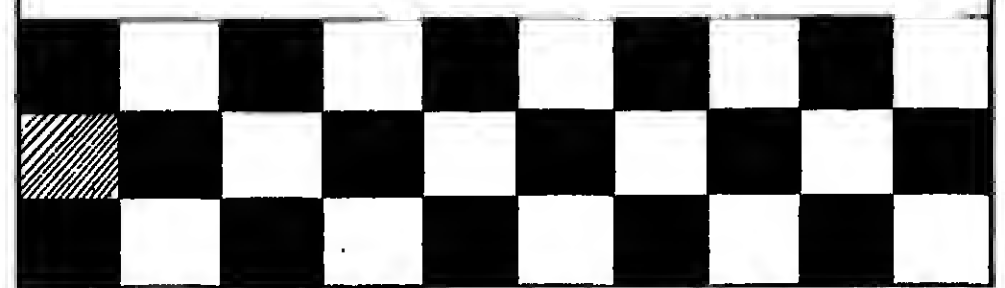
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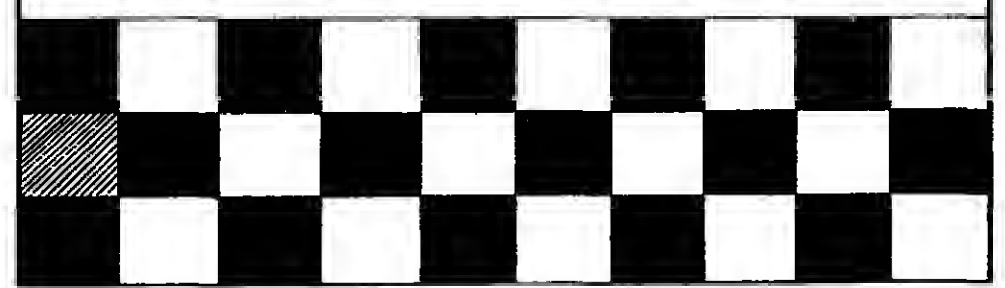
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The last journey.

JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

In my letter to you on Tuesday, I talked about how we should be happy with what we have and not feel jealous or think ourselves unlucky because we cannot have everything we want.

We should try to stop comparing ourselves to those people who have more and instead, spend more time thinking and caring about the many millions in our world who have a lot less. Think of the children who perhaps have no food, no clothes, are always ill and live in dirty, dangerous places. Think that maybe their parents cannot find work or their parents are not alive, so the older children have to work long hours to help to earn money to buy food for their younger brothers and sisters. If they live in big cities, the children perhaps work for bad people and start to live bad lives themselves. We cannot imagine how terrible their lives are. There are children who have food, clothes and somewhere to live, but have other problems. Think of children who are blind or deaf or cannot move their bodies. Think of children who are always in hospital or have illnesses which hurt all the time.

We must not forget these poor children, we must care about them and try to help them. Be kind to anyone who is not as lucky as you and remember that there are many many in the world who would be happy with even half the things you have.

Auntie Joanne

Happy birthday

Mark Fernandes celebrates his third birthday today. Best wishes, Mark, from your parents, sister, relatives and friends.



MOVING IN ANY DIRECTION, IN A STRAIGHT LINE, FIND EIGHT PARTS OF THE BODY.

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Solution to "Crack the code": the package is waiting in London. Inspector Clouseau is after me so I'm off!

The miller, his son and the ass

A MILLER and his son were driving their ass to a neighbouring fair to sell him.

They had not gone far when they met a troop of fools, to be trudging along the town, talking and laughing.

'Look there!' cried one of them, 'did you see such fools, to be trudging along the road on foot, when they might be riding!'

The old man, hearing this, quietly bade his son get on the ass, and walked along merrily by the side of him. Presently they came to a group of old men, who were talking together.

'There!' said one of them, 'it proves what I was saying. What respect is shown to old age in these days? Do you see that idle young rogue riding while his old father has to walk?'

'Get down, you good-for-nothing, and let the old man rest his weary limbs!' cried another.

Upon this the father made his son dismount and got up himself; but they had not proceeded far when they met a company of women and children.

'Why, you lazy old fellow!' cried several people at once, 'how can you

ride upon the best while this poor little lad can hardly keep pace by the side of you?'

The good-natured miller immediately took up his son behind him, and they rode in this manner until they had almost reached the town.

'Pray, honest friend,' said a townsman, 'is that ass your own?'

'Yes,' replied the old man.

'By the way you load him, one would not have thought so,' said the other. 'Why, you two fellows are better able to carry the poor beast than he you!'

'If you think it the right thing to do,' said the old man, 'we can but try.'

So, alighting with his son, they tied the ass's legs to a stout pole, which they shouldered, and so got ready to carry him over a bridge that led to the town.

This was so entertaining a sight that the people ran out in crowds to laugh at it, until the ass, not liking the noise nor the situation, broke from the cords that bound him and tumbled off the pole into the river below.

Aesop's fables

Annoyed and ashamed, the old man made his way home again, convinced that by endeavouring to please everybody he had pleased nobody, and lost his ass into the bargain.

Moral: He who tries to please everybody pleases nobody.

The cat and the fox

A CAT and a fox were exchanging views upon the difficulties of living in peace and safety from those who were always ready to take their lives.

'I do not care a bit for any of them,' said the fox at last. 'Things may be very bad, as you say, but I have a thousand tricks to show my enemies before they can do me harm.'

'You are fortunate,' replied the cat. 'For my part, I have only one way of evading my enemies, only one method of escape and if that fails all is lost.'

'I am sorry for you with all my heart,' said Reynard. 'If one could tell a friend from a foe in these difficult times, I would show you one or two of my tricks.'

Hardly had he finished

speaking when a pack of hounds burst suddenly upon them.

The cat, resorting to her single trick, ran up a tree, and from the security of the topmost branches witnessed the downfall of the braggart.

Unable to make up his mind which of the thousand tricks he would adopt the fox was quickly caught before he could put even one of them into cooperation.

Moral: Pride goes before a fall.

The travellers and the bear

TWO friends were travelling on the same road together when they came face to face with a bear.

One in great fear, and without a thought of his companion, climbed into a tree and hid.

The other, seeing that, single-handed, he was no match for Bruin the bear, threw himself on the ground and pretended to be dead for he had heard that a bear will not touch a dead body.

The bear approached him, sniffing at his nose



and ears, but the man, with great courage, held his breath and kept still, and at length the bear, thinking him dead, walked slowly away.

When Bruin was well out of sight the first traveller came down from his tree and asked his companion what it was that the bear had said to him. 'For,'

said he, 'I observed that he put his mouth very close to your ear.'

'Why,' replied the other, 'it was no great secret. He only advised me not to keep company with those who, when they get into difficulty, leave their friends in the lurch.'

Moral: Misfortune tests the sincerity of friends.

Jewellery tomfoolery

The illusion:

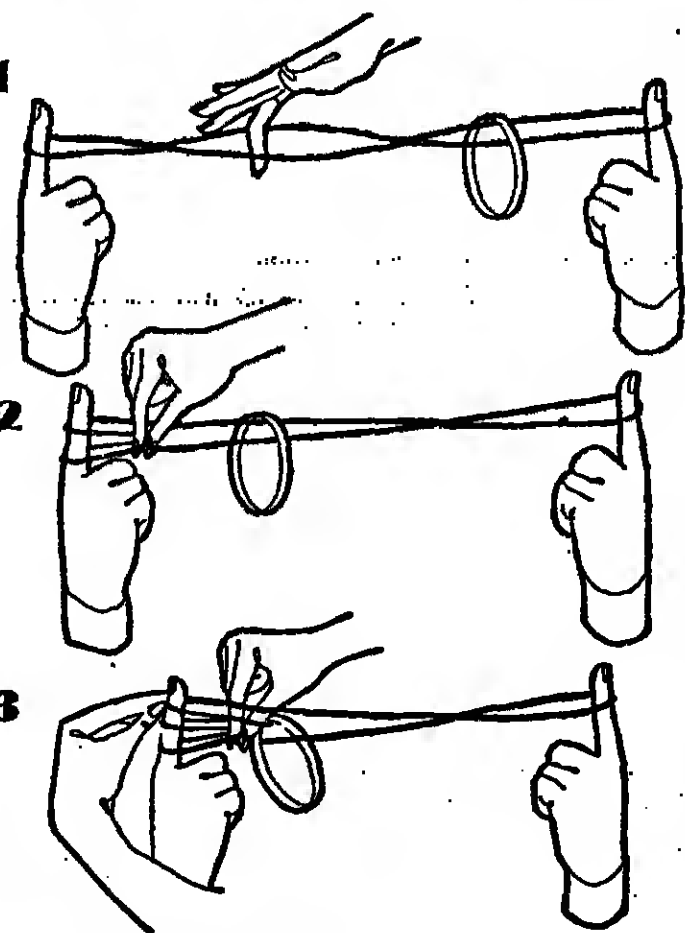
A solid bronze bracelet is threaded over both strands of a long chain necklace. Each end of the chain is then hooked over someone's index fingers. The challenge is to remove the bracelet from the chain while leaving the chain still looped over two fingers... and surprisingly, you do!

The trick: With your right middle finger pointing down towards the floor place it on your side of the chain between the bracelet and the person's right finger. Pushing against that strand of the chain, lift it so you can transfer it to the other side of the chain. The two strands now make an X in front of and behind your middle finger (1). Put your right index finger in the loop on the side of the X to the left of your middle finger, slide your thumb down through the same loop as your middle finger, and put the tips of your index finger and thumb together. (Keep these two fingers tightly together until it's time to remove the bracelet.) Slide your right hand to the left and transfer the loop around your middle finger down onto the person's upright finger

(2). Your left hand takes the strand of chain closest to you where it comes around the person's left finger, brings it all the way over to the person's right finger and drops the chain over it (3). Now take the bracelet in your left hand,

separate your right finger and thumb, and take all of the fingers of your right hand out of the chain. When you pull on the bracelet it will come off the chain leaving it still looped over the fingers.

That was easy, wasn't it?



Truly amazing!

Tattooing on the chin was once a sign of high rank among the Maoris of New Zealand, and though no longer practised, it is quite common among the elders.

Fans were found in the tomb of Tutankhamen, with their ostrich feathers intact after more than 3,000 years.

Rossini, the Italian composer, wrote 38 operas in the first 37 years of his life, and though he lived for another 39 years, never wrote another one.

A frog's tongue grows from the front of its mouth, which allows for a longer reach when catching insects.

In 1905 a man ran up the 729 steps of the Eiffel Tower in Paris in 3 minutes 12 seconds.

There is a set of traffic lights in Venice which controls the junction of two canals.

In theory the lowest possible temperature is -273.15°C , absolute zero.

Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.

In 1888 in Moradabad, Northern India, 246 people were killed by hailstones.

The giant squid, whose length can exceed 15 metres, has the largest eyes of any living animal; they measure 38 cms across.

Between 1851 and 1852, 55 boys under fourteen were sent to prison for stealing less than six pence.

In the 1920s a census taken among Eskimos showed that less than one in forty-six had ever seen an igloo.

The card game, Bridge, originated in Turkey.

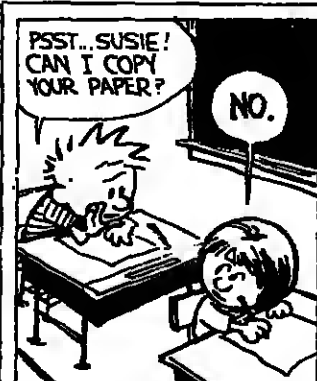
The highest falls are the Angel Falls in Venezuela, at over 900 metres high.

Ice-cream was invented by a Frenchman called Gerald Tissain in 1620.

Baked beans were originally served with molasses; tomato sauce was substituted in 1880, fifty years after their introduction.

The smallest Greek Island of Mikonos has 365 churches built on it.

According to official US figures there is one suicide every twenty minutes in that country.



When the reptiles flew Perhaps we shall never know for what mysterious reasons some of the reptiles suddenly tried to take to the air and conquer the sky. The fact is, however, that traces of numerous winged reptiles are to be found next to the fossils of the great dinosaurs dating from more than 130 million years ago.

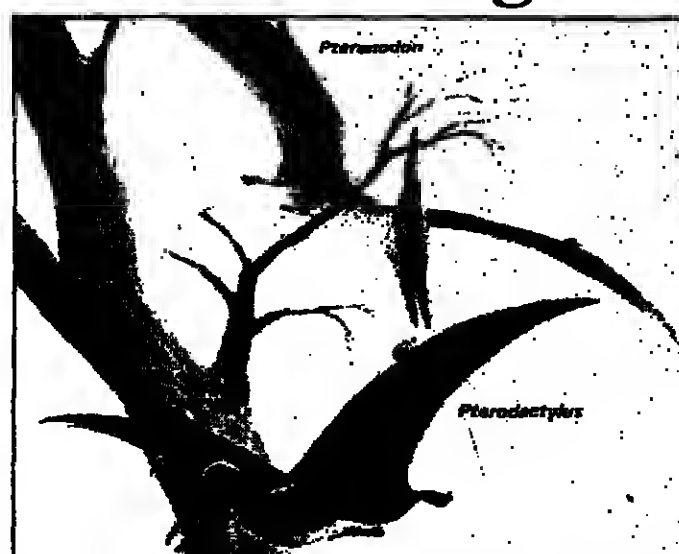
One of the most widespread and the most ancient was the Dimorphodon. It looked like a monstrous bat and its size was remarkable: its skull alone measured 22 centimetres long.

The large-skulled Dimorphodons disappeared quickly, to be followed by other winged reptiles of various shapes and sizes. The Rhamphorhynchus was very common, with its peculiar tail ending in a diamond-shaped rudder, and there were various pterodactyls. The name means 'winged fingers' and refers to the very long little finger which kept the whole flap of flying-membrane taut.

In the course of time the winged reptiles grew bigger and bigger and better and better at flying. The largest and the best at flying was probably the Pteranodon, fossils of which have been found in North America and Russia.

It had a wing span of a

When life began



good 7 metres and spent its time skimming over the water, catching fish and shellfish. Its incredibly wide wings prevented it from walking comfortably so, on the ground, it was probably compelled to crawl on its stomach but, in the air, with its light weight of only 12 kilos, it was amazingly agile.

Like the land dinosaurs, the winged reptiles, too, disappeared from our globe almost without warning, about 75 million years ago.

When the ancestors of the birds appeared Strange as it may seem, the first birds did not evolve

from the winged reptiles. Their forerunner was certainly a reptile but a different kind from that of the flying Sauria. The first of these creatures to leave us a clear picture on the rocks was the Archaeopteryx, which lived with the great dinosaurs over 130 million years ago.

The fossil imprints of this primitive bird are so complete that they tell us exactly what it looked like.

About as big as a pigeon, it was a strange mixture of half bird and half reptile. Obvious signs of its close relationship with reptiles are the movable, clawed fingers on its wings, its tail of twenty individual joints

and its toothed jaw. Yet its body was covered with a fringe of feathers, which was something completely new.

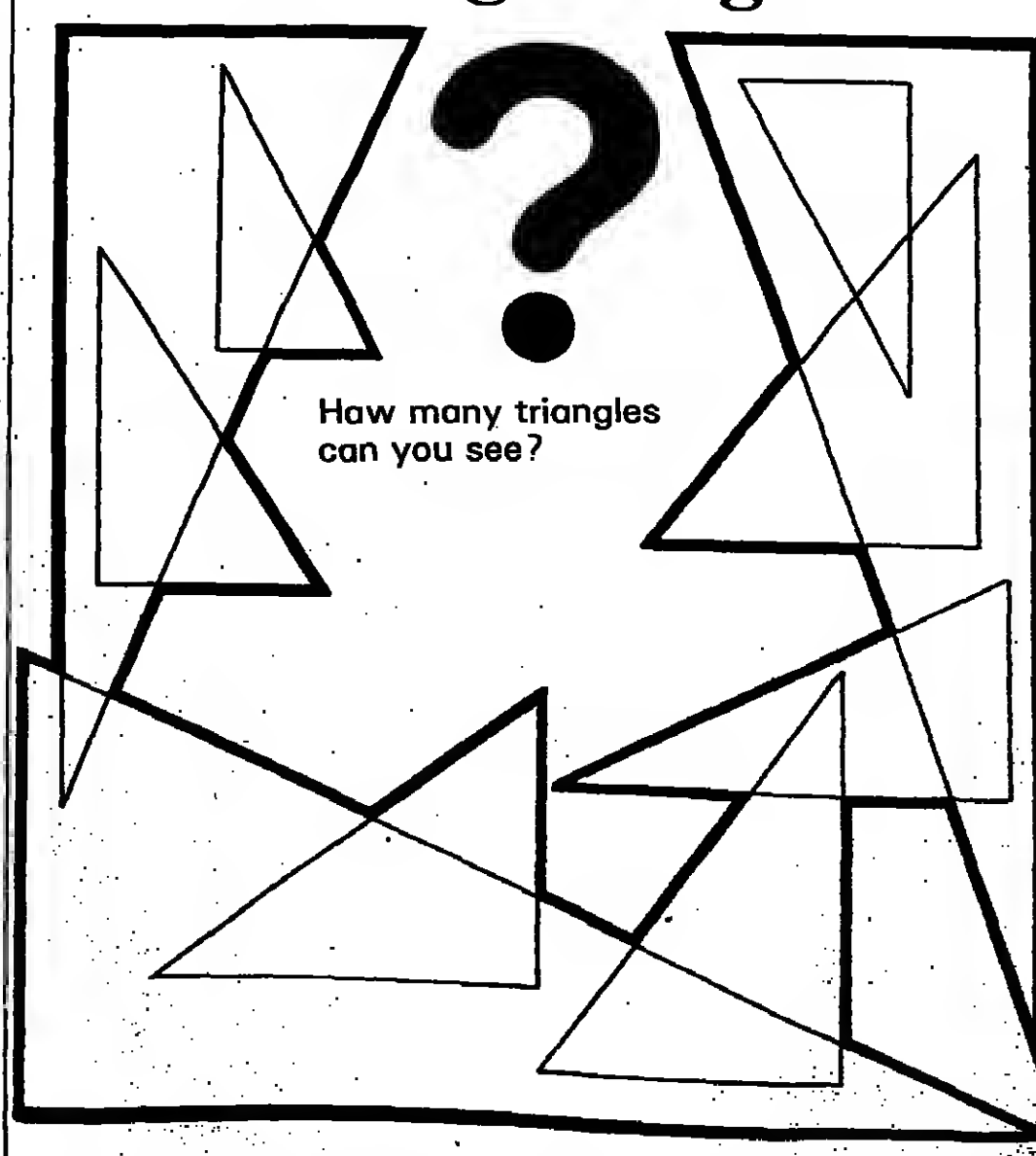
Its wings were no longer a sheet of skin but a fan of feathers which spread out and beat the air as it flew. It was still a very simple flying machine, in need of a great many improvements and, indeed, the Archaeopteryx was a poor flyer, but its appearance marked an important stage in the history of evolution.

The first bird was definitely not a predator because its jaws were too weak. Perhaps it only fed on fruit, berries and small larvae. To take off, it clambered up to the top of a tree and launched itself out into space.

After this first laborious performance, the birds multiplied rapidly. Their ability to fly improved and they became the only true lords of the sky.

There was a time, in the evolution of the animals, when the fiercest predators of the plains were not mammals but enormous birds with savage beaks. They could not fly but ran with great speed. All derived from the primitive Archaeopteryx, they soon increased in number, sometimes reaching gigantic proportions, and competed for the hunting field with the carnivorous mammals.

Triangle tangle



Solution on Tuesday

BUSINESS & FINANCE

GCC to consider unified system for industry

MANAMA, June 29, (OPECNA): The General Secretariat of the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) is considering a unified system of regulations governing the setting up of industrial projects in member states.

In a statement to reporters here yesterday, Dr Mohammad Al Rashid, director of the department of industry, electricity, desalination and Technology at the GCC secretariat said that the new regulations aimed at avoiding duplication of industrial ventures in member states.

He said steps were being taken to encourage joint ventures among GCC states, which include OPEC members Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE along with Bahrain and Oman.

Meanwhile, the GCC Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs, Dr Abdullah Al Quwaiz, has reiterated member states' resolve to push ahead with industrial development in the region.

Companies told to boost production by 20pc

UAE threat to flout OPEC output quota

BAHRAIN, June 29, (Reuters): The UAE has carried out a threat to flout its OPEC quota, authorising companies to pump almost 20 per cent more oil in July, industry sources said today.

"This should bring (oil) prices down very quickly," said one trader. "It is yet another link in the chain of disarray which is creeping into OPEC."

The sources said the UAE Higher Council for Petroleum told companies in the main producing emirate of Abu Dhabi they could boost July output to 1.1 million barrels per day (BPD) from about 930,000 in June.

Pumping

With Dubai pumping 350,000 to 400,000 BPD, total UAE production would rise to 1.5 million BPD — well above a quota of 948,000 BPD set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The sources said the move showed the UAE was intent on rejecting its OPEC quota and

would put an additional 200,000 to 300,000 BPD on the already over-supplied world oil market.

Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba has repeatedly rejected the quota, claiming that with recoverable reserves of around 100 billion barrels the UAE is second to Saudi Arabia and deserves a much higher output.

"The UAE completely rejects its OPEC quota of 948,000 BPD... the fair and official quota is 1.5 million BPD," Oteiba was quoted as saying in Morocco shortly after an OPEC conference in Vienna.

The UAE cabinet backed his demands on Monday, saying it reassessed the emirate's firm policy on output and prices as stated by Oteiba.

OPEC members at their Vienna meeting that ended on June 14 agreed to extend the group's 15.06 million BPD quota for the rest of the year — a compromise between Gulf states urging higher quotas and the

majority, which wanted to curb output.

The Secretary-General of the UAE Higher Council for Petroleum, Sobhi Al Mazrui, told companies in the state-owned Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) to raise July output to 1.1 million BPD, the sources said.

"They were told of their increased allowances for July two or three days ago," one source said.

Some sources said independent companies operating outside ADNOC were also given approval to produce up to 100,000 BPD more, which would boost Abu Dhabi's total output to 1.2 million BPD.

The order was the first since the new Petroleum Council was formed early this month in a shake-up which oil sources said was designed to streamline UAE oil affairs and policy.

On June 5, UAE President Sheikh Zaid Bin Sultan Al

Nahayan abolished Abu Dhabi's Department of Petroleum, which was headed by Oteiba, and dissolved ADNOC's Board of Directors.

The sources said Abu Dhabi had paved the way for its higher July output by increasing production in June by nine per cent to 930,000 BPD for 850,000 in the second half of May.

They said the authorisation indicated Abu Dhabi had found buyers for its increased volumes of crude, most likely through offering higher discounts to its main Japanese customers.

Pressure

"It won't be wrong to assume the Japanese want the oil because the prices are attractive compared with what Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries are offering," a trader said.

"This will probably also put pressure on other Gulf producers to cut their prices," he added. Another said the UAE might

be hoping OPEC would take its demands more seriously. "They are behaving just like Iraq," he said.

Iraq is not included in OPEC's current production pact as it rejects a quota less than that of its Gulf war foe, Iran.

Meanwhile, the Abu Dhabi government has finalised feasibility studies for two major investment projects in foreign oil companies, pending final approval, according to a newspaper report.

The projects to be implemented by the government-owned International Petroleum Investment Company (IPIC) will enable the emirate to secure a stake in the two oil companies involved.

The report in the daily Khaleej Times quoted IPIC General Manager Khalifa Mohammed Al Shamsi as saying that the two schemes were among at least 10 being discussed with foreign companies.

Japan writes off more than \$2b Bangladesh debt

DHAKA, June 29, (Reuters): Japan has written off more than \$2 billion in loans to Bangladesh, officials said today.

"We have decided to consider the money as grants," a Japanese embassy official in Dhaka said. "This will mean a tremendous foreign exchange saving for us," said a Bangladesh Finance Ministry official.

Waiting

Government officials, who said they were still waiting for official confirmation of the Japanese move from Tokyo, said Dhaka received more than \$2 billion in yen loans from Japan between 1978 and 1987.

Bangladesh expects to spend 23.85 per cent of its foreign exchange earnings in repaying foreign debt during the current financial year compared to 20 per cent in 1986/87.

It hopes to earn \$1.9 billion mainly through exports and

money sent home by Bangladeshis working abroad during fiscal 1987/88 against last year's \$1.7 billion.

Japan is Bangladesh's largest single benefactor with \$500 million in outright aid annually, according to Bangladesh government figures.

Japan announced a comprehensive programme of debt relief for 17 of the world's poorest countries, mainly in Africa and Asia, during the recent Toronto summit of seven leading industrial nations.

Gesture

But Japan's gesture still leaves Bangladesh, where average per capita income is \$160, with debts of \$6.36 billion.

Donor countries including Japan have pledged \$2.05 billion in aid for the 1988/89 financial year beginning tomorrow, 13.6 per cent more than the current year.

Soaring prices cause suffering to new buyers

Luxury housing market is booming

NEW YORK, June 29, (Reuters): The luxury housing market is booming on almost every continent and soaring prices are forcing first-time home buyers to settle for something smaller, further afield or rented.

In Asia, Africa and Latin America — and even in the Soviet Union where home ownership is rare — the trend is towards the suburbs or out of the city completely.

By contrast, in Western Europe there is a revival in inner-city housing with 'gentrification' — renovation of run-down houses in once unfashionable areas — an increasingly attractive proposition.

Foreign buyers have become intensely active in blue-chip neighbourhoods of numerous major cities since the stock market crash last October, especially the Japanese whose

strong yen and sky-high prices at home make overseas property seem cheap.

"With luxury apartments of just 750 square feet (69 square metres) fetching more than \$8 million in Tokyo, France has become a favourite for Japanese bargain hunters."

"Since the crash, Japanese buyers have flooded the property market, buying into the top end of the range and acquiring huge tracts of land," said a French real estate agent.

West Germany has a similar story, with Japanese eagerly bidding for mansions and castles.

Surge

In Hawaii, Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi has called for heavy taxes to curb Japanese speculation which he said caused a 32.3 per cent surge in land prices on the island of Oahu last year.

"In one section of our island

where most of the action has been, the average price of a single-family home went from \$297,000 in 1986 to \$475,000 last year, an increase of 60.2 per cent," he said.

New York is another target, not only for Japanese but for Britons, Latin Americans, Taiwanese and Filipinos, according to Melissa Cohn, chairman of Manhattan Mortgage Co.

"For the first two weeks after the crash, everything came to a screeching halt," said James Stewart, an agent for several of New York's newer buildings. "But from Nov 1, things went back to where they were. Sales have been very good."

He said that prices for apartments in one of his buildings had been raised four times since the crash.

Kenya has also seen the price of top-scale properties pushed up

by foreign buyers, mostly Indians, Africans and Europeans. Mansions in Nairobi's elite suburb of Muthaiga go for up to \$800,000 according to local estate agents.

In Sydney, the financial hub of Australia, mansions have been selling for up to \$20 million but despite fears of an influx of buyers from Japan and Hong Kong most of the purchasers have been Australians.

Britain, with its resurgent economy, had a similar story. In Poland, where foreign property ownership is banned, many of the most expensive homes are bought by Poles who worked for several years in the West and came back with a small fortune.

The decision is easy in Italy's historic cities. Live in the city centre, or battle chaotic traffic every day.

World Bank undergoes close scrutiny

WASHINGTON, June 29, (Reuters): The World Bank is undergoing its most critical scrutiny in many years, creating a hiatus that could endanger US dominance of the development agency.

Legislation to increase funding for the bank is tied down in Congress, frustrating the Reagan administration which counts on the bank to spearhead Treasury Secretary James Baker's three-year-old Third World debt initiative.

Conservative American critics — always suspicious of world aid bodies — say the bank has wandered too far afield from its role of helping the world's poor.

Accuse

They accuse it of spreading socialism and helping countries opposed to US foreign policy goals.

The US share of the \$74.8 billion funding approved by the Bank is \$14 billion.

However, only three per cent of this total must be put up in cash. The US Congress has only to appropriate \$70.1 million a year for six years to cover the US share.

The US appropriation is critical to the bank even though the funding has already been approved by 75 per cent of the voting power of the organisation's 151 member countries and thus has actually gone into effect.

Failure to get the US approval could jeopardise the Bank's ability to borrow money in the

financial markets. The borrowings are used to finance loans to the Third World.

The Bank enjoys an excellent credit rating since the money it borrows is backed by capital that it can call on from some of the world's wealthiest nations, including the United States.

Hurt

If Congress were to refuse to appropriate the money, it would hurt the Bank's credit rating and force it to borrow at higher rates. That in turn would mean higher interest rates on new loans for cash-starved debtor countries.

However, without the funding approval, the US position in the Bank would diminish substantially since its voting power would be reduced.

Capitol Hill sources say the legislation to appropriate the US share will eventually pass Congress, but doubt whether it will occur this year.

"It's a real longshot," said one committee aide.

The delay has given critics of the Bank a new opportunity to muster their forces.

Approved

One of the most vocal of the group has been the Conservative Heritage Foundation, a think-tank that has usually approved of Reagan administration political measures.

On the issue of the Bank, however, they have sharply parted company.

"Every US-opposed loan since 1977 has been approved by

the World Bank, annually sending hundreds of millions of dollars in scarce resources to governments that abuse human rights, export terrorism, and pursue accelerated production of commodities already in world over-supply," the foundation has argued.

The Cato Institute, another conservative research group, goes even further, observing that "although the bank started with the highest ideals some 40 years ago, it now consistently does more harm than good for the world's poorest."

It says "the Bank exists largely to maximise the transfer of resources to Third World governments (and) by doing so... has promoted nationalisation of Third World economies and has increased political and bureaucratic control over the lives of the poorest of the poor."

Criticism

Such criticism has been troubling to an administration that has prided itself on taking a hard line on Bank loans going to countries that opposed US foreign policy goals and that has taken steps to reform Bank loan policies.

The Baker debt initiative is a case in point.

In it, Baker proposed that commercial banks increase lending by some \$20 billion and that the multilateral development banks, led by the World Bank, put up an additional \$9 billion.

In return, debtor countries

would move to reform their economies, reducing or eliminating subsidies, turning public enterprises into private companies and other market-oriented measures.

The World Bank, because of its understanding on how Third World economies are structured, was singled out for a special role in leading the attack on the debt crisis by the Baker.

He said the Bank should increase the lending it had been doing for economic reform which, to a large degree, had the effect of channelling "more money into debt relief."

Amount

So-called structural adjustment and sectoral loans currently amount to 25 per cent of total Bank lending with much more than that going to some countries.

Critics of the direction argue that by reducing project lending, the Bank is moving away from its basic role of building roads, schools, dams, sewerage systems and other basic structures.

On the other hand, some critics argue that the Bank has dragged its feet in coming to grips with the debt crisis, showing little if any innovation on how the profound problems might be dealt with.

It is expected that eventually the Congress, after listening to the myriad arguments, will approve the appropriation but few think the debate will stop then.

ASEAN nations urged to tax oil wells

JAKARTA, June 29, (OPECNA): Oil wells in the ASEAN region should be taxed in accordance with their output capacity, the six-member organisation was urged here.

ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, is made up of Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines and Brunei.

Participants at a seminar organised by ASEAN, the UN Development Programme and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, said however that small wells, usually not as profitable as larger ones, should be taxed in a manner that should encourage investors to put their money into exploration.

Indonesian Director General for Taxes Salamin said at the end of the meeting that the recommendation would still have to be studied by the ASEAN governments.

Sudan likely to devalue currency

KHARTOUM, June 29, (Reuters): Impoverished Sudan, its hopes for an economic turnaround hinging on the International Monetary Fund (IMF), is likely to devalue its currency before the end of the year, foreign bankers and diplomats predicted yesterday.

The IMF wants a devaluation before it gives the go-ahead to Western donors to help finance a four-year recovery plan.

Sudanese and IMF officials failed to reach agreement after two weeks of talks which ended last week in Khartoum. Devaluation was the main sticking point.

Pledged

An agreement would have paved the way for a second meeting of a group representing major Western donors which pledged \$227.6 million in balance of payments support last December.

Sudan hopes a second meeting, probably in September or October will promise another \$1

billion half to be disbursed during the 1988/89 fiscal year beginning on July 1. The four-year economic recovery plan is due to start that year.

Minister of State for Finance, Al Tigani Al Tayeb Ibrahim, told Reuters on Sunday that Sudanese and IMF officials were now due to meet in Washington next month and more talks were expected in Khartoum in September.

Enjoyed

An official statement earlier said Sudan had decided to suspend the talks and arrange for further discussions later. It said the talks had helped narrow differences.

The statement said the IMF delegates were less flexible and enjoyed less authority than their Sudanese counterparts. "We are eager to reach a comprehensive agreement with the Fund and the rest of the international community... we hope that other parties will be more familiar with the economic and social condi-

tions of Sudan."

Sudan has a foreign debt of nearly \$12 billion which it has not been able fully to service since the early 1980s.

A five-year civil war in the south has drained meagre resources. Drought, the second since 1984, has hit many regions. Ibrahim said the IMF, which in 1986 declared Sudan ineligible for fresh credits, wanted a further devaluation but Sudanese officials thought the matter needed further study.

Raised

Sudan, more than \$700 million in arrears to the IMF, devalued its currency by 44 per cent last October and raised petrol and sugar prices. The measures, part of an agreement with the IMF, sparked street protests which left at least six people dead and scores injured.

But the bankers and diplomats said the government had little choice but to devalue the pound eventually.

World Business Summary

South Korean surplus continues to rise

SEOUL, June 29, (AP): South Korea's current surplus reached \$892 million in May, up from \$836 million from May 1987, the Bank of Korea announced today. The aggregate of surpluses since January through May widened to \$4.78 billion, an increase of \$1.18 billion from the same five-month period last year, according to the Central Bank report. Despite labour strikes and the South Korean won's appreciation, officials at the Central Bank predicted the year-end surplus will top last year's \$9.7 billion and the government's target of \$7 billion. The current account measures one country's trade in merchandise and services with other countries. The government has said it will hold down its 1988 surplus within \$7 billion, partly to avoid friction with the United States and other countries which run trade deficits with this country. Bank officials said the trade balance in May showed a surplus of \$665 million, up from \$548 million a year ago and boosting the aggregate for the first five months to \$3.75 billion from \$2.6 billion in the same period last year. The invisible trade surplus in May was listed at \$108 million, down from \$181 million a year ago, and the January-May tally totalled \$309 million, down by \$264 million over the same period last year.

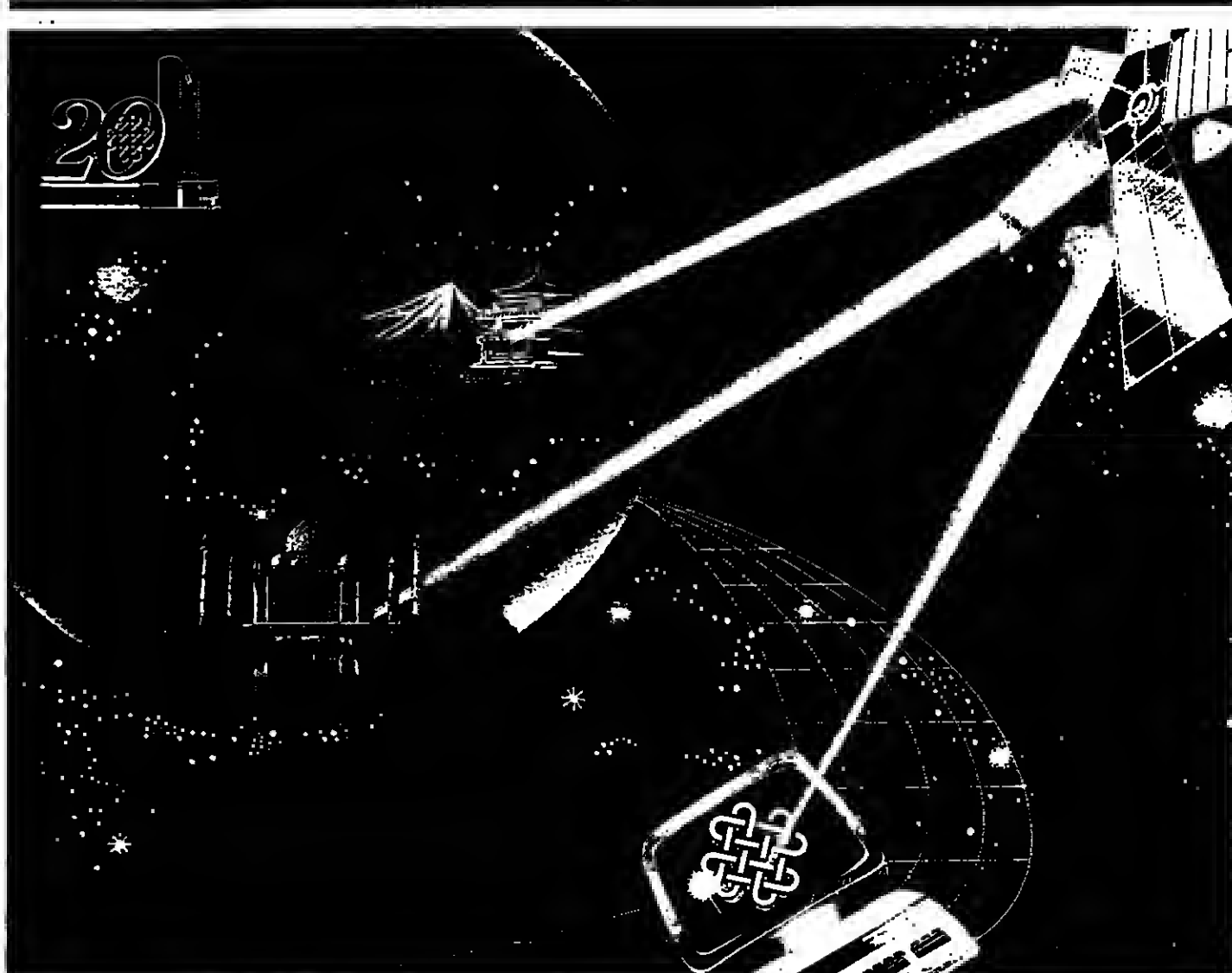
Brazilian city launches campaign to boost tourism

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 29, (Reuters): Rio yesterday announced an \$800,000 US advertising campaign aimed at cleaning up its image as Brazil's capital of crime and grime. Local tourism authorities said the campaign would seek to attract American tourists scared away by reports of violence and dirty beaches in Brazil's second largest city. "When people abroad read about Rio, they usually read about the disasters and tragedies. We're going to show them it isn't all bad," Joao Doria, president of Brazil's Tourism Board, Embratur, told a news conference. The six-month plan includes full-colour advertisements in leading US magazines and free trips to Rio for 3,500 US tour operators, journalists and their families. Doria said Embratur has hired a top New York agency to manage the campaign under the slogan: "Rio is wonderful". About 660,000 foreign tourists visited Rio last year, 5.8 per cent more than in 1986, making it Brazil's single biggest tourist attraction. But Doria said the first figures for this year show the number of visitors has stopped growing "and when you're not growing, you're losing."

Venezuelan and German firms form petrochemicals joint venture

CARACAS, June 29, (AP): The Venezuelan state firm Pequiven and Veba Oel A.G., a major German refiner, signed an accord to undertake feasibility studies leading to the construction of a joint-venture petrochemicals plant, according to a Pequiven statement. The accord forming Petropropano de Venezuela SA was signed on Monday in Caracas. Pequiven and Veba each hold 49 per cent of the company's shares and remaining shares will be traded in the Venezuelan capital market.

The plant for making 250,000 metric tons per year of propylene and polypropylene will cost over \$275 million of which Pequiven and Veba will each pay in around \$54 million, Pequiven said. About 60 per cent of the plant's cost will be covered with loans, which have not yet been acquired, it said. Seventy per cent of the plant's production is earmarked for export, it said.



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LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABBEE LFE	325/0
ADT LTD	128/0
ALD LYONS	421/0
AMSTRAD	207/0
ARGYLL GP	188/0
ASDA GP	156/0
BAA	273/0
BTR	276/0
BAT LINDS	415/0
BARCLAYS	408/0
BASS	785/0
BEAZER	175/0
BEECHMAN	465/0
BELSFORD	355/0
BICC PLC	331/0
BLUE ARMY	111/0
BLUE CIRC	428/0
BUC GP	422/0
BOOTS CO	225/0
BPB INDS	287/0
BR COM	250/0
BR ARWAY	146/0
BR AEROSP	406/0
BR GAS RG	255/0
B.P.	255/0
B.P. NEW	64/0
BR TELCOM	256/0
BUNZL	147/0
BURMAN OL	555/0
BURTON	225/0
CABLESTAR	546/0
CADBURYS	404/0
COATS VTY	247/0
COMH INT	374/0
CONS GOLD	035/0
COOKSONS	280/0
COURTAULD	328/0
DALGETY	338/0
DEE CP	192/0
DIXONS	175/0
ENG CHINA	442/0
ENTER OIL	492/0
FKI BACCK	125/0
FERRANTI	85/0
GEN ACCID	884/0
GEN ELEC	157/0
GLAXO	982/0
GRANADA	316/0
GLOBE	140/0
GLYNED	313/0
GRAND MET	509/0
GUARD RYL	947/0
GUN	313/0
GUNNESS	328/0
HAINES	638/0
HAISON	141/0
HAKER SID	495/0
HILLSDOWN	287/0
ICI	078/5
IMI	207/0

LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	12/4	12/4
2ND ALLCE	731/0	734/0
A.B. PORTS	544/0	545/0
A.B. ELECT	416/0	415/0
A.S.W. NEW	165/0	166/0
ARMSTRONG	113/0	113/0
ARROWSON	222/0	222/0
ADDITION	40/0	40/0
ADHESIT	367/0	368/0
ALEX WIKU	171/0	172/0
ALEXON	383/0	384/0
ALLD COLL	131/0	131/0
ALLD IR B	239/0	240/0
ALLD PLAT	57/0	57/0
ALLIANCE	818/0	822/0
AMART	265/0	266/0
AMEC	385/0	386/0
AMER TRST	127/4	128/0
AMERSHAM	457/0	458/0
AMH HLTC	268/0	268/0
ANGLIA TV	178/0	177/0
ANGLO O'S	215/4	215/0
ANGLACOR	80/0	80/0
APPLETARD	441/0	442/0
APRIOT	114/0	115/0
APV PLC	121/0	122/0
AQUAS.A.	75/0	75/0
ARCHER AJ	148/0	148/0
ARLINGTON	187/0	188/0
ARMSTRONG	135/0	136/0
ASHLEY.LA	125/0	125/0
AT ASST	50/2	50/4
AT ASST W	10/0	10/0
ATLANTIC C	360/0	362/0
ATTWOODS	303/0	303/0
AUS REE A	277/0	277/0
AUS REED	378/0	380/0
AUTO SEC	270/0	271/0
BAILL JAP	505/0	506/0
BANK IRE	216/0	217/0
BANKER IT	69/4	70/0
BARKER DD	144/0	144/0
BARKT DEV	199/0	198/0
BAYNES C	26/0	26/0
BEJAN CP	171/0	171/0
BELKIN	47/0	47/0
BELMAY	52/0	52/0
BENTALLS	185/0	185/0
BERKELEY	333/0	333/0
BIRAN HGT	192/0	192/0
BIRNTHOL	408/0	408/0
BK OF SCO	389/0	391/0
BLACKWOOD	50/0	50/0
BLK LE 2	17/6	18/0
SMITTE +F	34/0	35/0
BOASE MAS	262/0	
BOODINGTN	173/0	173/0

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AETNA LIFE	45/0	45/1
AIR PR-CHM	16/3	16/3
ALASKA AIR	18/7	18/6
ALBERTSONS	33/4	33/7
ALMA 8-16	0	84/0
ALCAN ALUM	32/1	32/1
ALCO STAND	25/0	24/7
AM CYANAMID	54/3	54/1
AM ELET PW	28/6	28/7
AM HOM PRO	74/2	74/2
AM STNDARD	77/4	77/4
AM STORES	52/0	52/0
AM TEL-TEL	26/6	26/6
AMOCO CORP	74/6	75/0
AMP INC	50/3	50/3
AMPCO PITT	49/2	49/0
AMR CORP	30/6	30/6
AMEREN	26/6	26/6
AMEREN ELE	14/0	13/6
APACHE CP	7/2	7/2
APACHE PET	2/6	2/5
ARMSTRONG	38/1	38/2
ASHLAND OIL	70/4	70/2
ASIA PACIF	6/7	6/7
ATLS CORP	0	35/2
AVERT INT	23/6	23/6
AVNET INC	25/0	25/0
AVON PRODS	24/2	24/2
BCE INC	30/7	30/7
BELLSOUTH	42/7	43/0
BELO CP A	29/7	30/0
BETH STEEL	23/0	22/7
BEVERLY	7/2	7/2
BANK BOSTON	26/3	26/3
BANK BOSTN-A	48/3	48/3
BANK N-YORK	34/4	34/4
BANK TR-NY	36/6	36/7
BANKAMERICA	12/7	12/6
BANKAM SPEC	6/6	6/7
BOEING CO	57/6	57/6
BOISE CASE	46/0	46/0
BORDEN	50/5	50/4
BOUTER	35/6	35/4
BR TELECOM	43/6	43/5
BRIGGS-STR	34/6	35/0
BRIST-MYR	40/3	40/4
BRUNSWICK	21/2	21/1
BRUNSWICK CP	12/6	12/6
C 3 INC	11/5	11/5
CABOT CORP	39/4	39/3
CAESARS INC	27/5	27/5
CAL FREIGHT	23/3	23/1
CAS NAT GS	0	14/7
CAS-COQUE	26/4	26/3
CATERPI TR	66/4	66/2
CBT IND	30/6	30/4
CBT	158/4	158/1
CENTEL CP	45/7	45/5
CHAMP INTL	34/4	34/2
CHAMP SPA	12/2	12/3
CHARTER CO	3/6	3/7
CHASE MAN	29/4	29/5
CHENED CP	33/0	33/1
CHENIC BNC	30/3	30/2
CHRYSLER	47/2	47/3
CHRYSLER	24/4	24/3
CHUBB CORP	56/0	56/1
CHUR FR CH	5/6	5/7
CIGNA CORP	47/1	47/1
CIN MILACR	25/2	25/0
CIN CIT ST	32/6	32/6
CIRCLE K	15/0	14/7
CITICORP	24/4	24/4
CLARK EQUI	35/2	35/0
CLOROX	29/3	29/3
COMBIL RES	1/2	1/2
COMBIL	25/4	25/4
CAN PAC	19/1	19/1
COACHMEN	12/1	12/1
COASTAL	29/4	29/5
COCA-COLA	38/0	38/1
COLECO	2/2	2/2
COLEMAN CO	37/0	37/2
COLG-PALM	43/4	43/6
COLUM GAS	32/0	31/7
COLUMBUS-C	115/0	114/1
COM EDISON	27/6	27/4
CONAGRA	29/4	29/3
CON EDISON	44/1	43/7
CONTINENTAL	38/7	39/0
CONTEL ILLN	0	02
CONTEL CP	34/1	33/7
CONTR DATA	26/0	25/7
COOPER T-R	0	37/0
COOPER COS	9/8	9/6
COULING GL	57/6	57/2
CRANE	30/3	30/4
CRAW RES	83/5	83/6
CULINET	8/5	8/3
DANIEL IND	7/7	7/6
DATA GEN	24/0	24/0
DATAPOINT	5/0	5/0
DAYTON HUD	36/0	36/0
DEC	115/3	115/3
DEERE-CO	45/6	45/4
DELTA AIR	52/5	52/4
DIAMOND SH	15/1	15/0
DIBOLD	39/5	39/5
DISHNET	65/1	62/7
DOW CORP	72/0	72/0
DOW CHEM	89/0	89/4
DOW JONES	34/0	34/0
DRESSER IN	31/3	31/3
DREYFUS	29/1	29/2
DUKE POWER	45/7	45/7
DUN BRAD	49/3	49/3
DUPONT	90/7	90/5
DUKESNE	14/7	14/7
DYNAMICS	0	22/7
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EAGLE PICH	29/4	29/3
EASTERN G	24/4	24/4
EMERSON EL	31/6	31/4
EMERSON RA	3/4	3/4
ETHYL CP	22/3	22/2
EXXON	46/1	46/1
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FED EXPRESS	45/2	45/4
FIELDCREST	18/2	18/2
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FLEETWOOD	23/4	23/5
FMC CORP	36/4	36/5
FORD MOTOR	53/3	53/3
FORD ROVAR	54/5	54/5
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AETNA LIFE	45/0	45

AMMAN

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ALA-ADDIN COMPANY					
ARAB ALLUMINUM IND.					
ARAB BANK					
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.95	3.96			
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.35	1.35			
ARAB INSURANCE					
ARAB INT./INV/TRAD.	0.98	0.98			
ARAB INT.UNION INS.	0.94	0.90			
ARAB INTER.HOTELS	0.53	0.58			
ARAB JOR./INVST/BK	2.10	2.10			
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.33	0.32			
ARAB PHARMA./MAF.					
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75			
ARAB POTASH CO.	----	----			
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65			
BANK OF JORDAN	15.35	15.40			
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95			
CATRO AMMAN BANK	28.50	28.50			
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS					
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.					
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.					
FINANCE/CREDIT/COF					
GARAGE OWNERS OF					
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63			
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.24			
GENERAL WINNING.	1.30	1.31			
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75			
HOLY LAND INS.					
IND./MATCH JERCO					
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BKK					
INDUSTRIAL/COMM/AGR.					
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75			
INTERM. CON/INV					
IRSID ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.93			
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64			
ITERMED/PETRI/CN					
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80			
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29			
JO TORACCO/CI/GARET	14.10	14.35			
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR					
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05			
JOR ELECTRIC POWER					
JOR FINANCE HOUSE					
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.98	0.98			
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30			
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.					
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20			
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.64	0.61			
JOR LIR BRICK					
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50			
JOR NATIONAL BANK					
JOR PAPER CARDBRDR	3.07	3.08			
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.39	2.38			
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.17	1.16			
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15			
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05			
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.					
JOR SECURIT CORP					
JOR SELPHO CHEM.					
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY					
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.51	4.52			
JOR. KULMATT AGR	1.00	1.00			
JOR. PETROLIUM REF					
JOR.FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30			
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP					
JORDAN GULF REAL.	0.32	0.31			
JORDAN DAIRY					
JORDAN GULF BANK					
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95			
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90			
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK					
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK					
JORDAN TANNING					
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77	0.77			
MACH/ECU/REPT/HAH					
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73			
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40			
MIDDLE EAST INS	60.00	60.00			
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55			
NAT.FIH-IVEST CO					
NAT/CARTEL/HVST/MF					
NATIONAL ARI/INS INS	1.24	1.23			

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BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	0.900	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF BANK	0.415	0.410	0.415	0.410	790000	20
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.315	610000	15
-AHLI BANK	0.385	0.380	0.385	0.380	350000	14
-B.K.M.E	0.390	0.385	0.385	0.385	10000	1
-K.R.E.B.	0.440	---	---	---	---	---
-BURGAN BANK	0.310	0.310	0.315	0.305	740000	34
-K.F.HOUSE	0.465	0.465	0.475	0.465	870000	27
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KUT INV. CO.	0.186	0.182	0.182	0.182	20000	---
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-K.I.I.C.	0.180	0.182	0.182	0.180	160000	---
-COM.FACILITIES	0.450	0.450	0.450	0.445	270000	---
-AMLIAN INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-I.F.A.	0.106	0.104	0.106	0.104	220000	5
-INV. PEARL KUT	0.110	0.108	0.108	0.108	40000	1
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KUT INSURANCE	0.680	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INSURANCE	0.330	---	---	---	---	---
-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.550	---	---	---	---	---
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.455	---	---	---	---	---
REAL EST. SECTOR						
-KUT R.EST. CO.	0.236	0.234	0.236	0.234	140000	7
-UNII R.EST. CO.	0.116	0.114	0.116	0.114	60000	2
-NAT R.EST. CO.	0.222	0.220	0.220	0.220	60000	1
-SALHIAH R.E.	0.089	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT PROJECTS	0.091	0.090	0.090	0.090	80000	2
-KUT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.500	0.490	0.490	0.490	10980	1
-KUT N.P. IND.	0.290	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT CEMENT CO.	0.240	---	---	---	---	---
-REF. IND. CO.	0.410	---	---	---	---	---
-A.M.T.C.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF CABLE	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.030	5000	1
-K.PH.IND. CO.	0.204	---	---	---	---	---
-CONT.MARINE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
-K.SH.REP.CO.	0.042	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.079	---	---	---	---	---
-K.N.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT HOTELS CO.	0.156	---	---	---	---	---
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.182	0.184	0.184	0.184	220000	4
-COM.MKT.CNFX.	0.020	0.021	0.021	0.020	560000	4
-MOBILE TELE.	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400	510000	10
-KUT COMPUTER	0.186	0.186	0.186	0.186	40000	2
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.228	---	---	---	---	---
-UNTD FISHERIES	0.156	---	---	---	---	---
-UNTD POULTRY	0.228	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT FOODS	0.290	---	---	---	---	---
-AGRI.FOODS PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
KUT-KUT SECTOR						
-BHW.INTER.BK	0.068	---	---	---	---	---
-BHW.N.EAST.BK	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
-UNTD.GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-COAST INVEST.	0.102	0.102	0.104	0.102	3560000	53
-A.S.I.V.CORP	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	320000	4
-FIRST.GULF BK	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
-S.K.I.G.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INV.CO.	0.041	---	---	---	---	---

Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	280.88	283.40
Sterling	479.40	485.80
D.M.	154.00	156.11
S. fr	186.00	187.60
F. fr	045.77	046.30
Li. lira	0002076	0002100
Jap. yen	002108	002141
Bh. dinar	744.40	749.70
UAE dir	076.42	076.95
S. riyal	074.84	075.34
Q. riyal	077.06	077.65
Q. riyal	729.10	733.90

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Indian Rupee	19.952
Pakistan Rupee	13.686
Sri Lanka Rupees	9.021
Philippine P.	13.531
US dollar	287.25
Sri Lanka P.	48C.36
Dowd Myne, Marell Fund	
Bid	USD 13.78
Offer	USD 13.79
Bid	USD 14.65
Offer	USD 6.35
The Islamic Fund	
KWD	5.000
GBP	6.750
GBP	7.500
AUD	9.750

KD deposit rates ease, then firm

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates eased yesterday in early trading on high liquidity, then firmed as banks bought dollars amid renewed strength in the U.S. currency.

Banks built up long positions in the dollar during most of last week as it surged against other major international currencies. But they unwound those positions on Monday and Tuesday as the dollar slipped.

Dealers reported new dollar buying yesterday as the Central Bank fixed its dinar exchange rate more than a fifts softer at 0.28169/79 to the dollar from Tuesday's 0.28058/68. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.28176/81.

Tomorrow-next was quoted early in the day at four, three per cent from Tuesday's 6-1/2, 5-1/2 per cent, but it later firmed to eight, seven per cent. Spot-next hit the same level from five, four per cent.

The fixed periods were quoted about 1/8 point above Tuesday's levels at 6-7/8, 1/3 percent for the one-month, 6-3/4, 1/2 per cent for the two and three-month and 6-7/8, 3/8 per cent for the six through 12-month maturities. The one-month at 6-11/16 per cent and the two-month at 6-3/4 per cent.

Meanwhile, in Bahrain, Saudi riyal deposits held little changed yesterday with the interbank market still dominated by Saudi Arabia's borrowing plans and uncertainty over timing of a third government bond issue.

One-month funds came on offer out of the kingdom and traded 3/16 points below 6-3/4, 3/8 per cent to be. Fixed-date deposits were generally quoted around Tuesday's levels.

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Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	8-1/2 3/8	9-7/16 5/16	9-7/8 13/16
FFT	4.50/60	4.20/30	4.45/55
PAR	7-3/16 5/16-	7-1/8 1/4	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	2-7/8 1-1/4	3 3-1/4
BRX	4-20	5-2/16 1/16	6-1/8 1/4
ROM	10 10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-7/8 11-3/8
AMS	2-0/0 3-0/0	3-11/16 3-13/16	4-5/16 4-7/16
TOK	3.7500 8125	3.9375 4.0000	4.0000 0625
ECU	6.26 5.87	6.18 6.31	6.56 6.68

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-7/16	6-3/4
3 months	6-7/16	6-3/4
6 months	6-3/8	6-3/4
1 year	6-3/8	6-3/4

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	60.50	60	62	NICO	560	570	560
ACC	230.50	231	236	GNFC	47.75	42.50	43.50	MUKAND	84	85	84.50
ASIA PAINT	153.75	150	152.50	GRASIM	92.50	98	103.50	NOCIL	445	430	445
BAJAJ AUTO	237.50	237.50	240	WIND	121	120	124	ORKAY	34	34	34.50
BAR.RAYON	245	245	245	WIND LEVER	65.50	64	65.50	PETCO	30.50	30	31
BOW.DYING	139	140	138.50	RINDALCO	84	84.50	85.50	PFIZER	65.75	65	71
BR. BOND	87	84	86	RINDCOCA	82.50	79	81	PRE-AUTO	34	35	50
BSE INDEX	575.43	574.40	574.40	RINDMOTOR	24.15	24.25	24	RAYMOND	49	47	49
CENTURYSPR	827.50	825	847.50	IND ORG	19	19	20	RELIANCE	196	194.50	199
COLGATE	210	207.50	208.75	INDRAYON	67.50	66.50	68.50	SIEMENS	67	64	66
DEEPAKFERT	35	34	35	INDROL	176.25	172.50	175	SPIC	48	47	47.50
EI. HOTEL	49	48	49	ITC	40	39	40	STDMILLS	220	212.50	220
ENARGENT	150	147.50	147.50	JKSYNTH	63	62.50	63.50	TATA PWR	230	230	226.25
ESSAR	20	19.25	20.50	L AND T	90	91.50	93.50	TATACHEM	67.50	67	70
GE. POLY	78.50	78	83.50	MHMDRA	57.50	56	57	TELCO	645	645	650
GE.SHIP	28.25	28.25	28	MASTERSH	11	10.75	11	TISCO	830	830	841.25
				MATHER PL	57.50	56.25	54	VOLTA	292.50	287.50	292.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	200.2	200.4
ALLIANZ VR	1417.0	1412.0
BADEMERK	182.0	182.2
BASF	250.0	247.5
BAYER	277.0	277.0
BAYER HYP	335.0	329.5
BAYER VER	332.0	330.0
BHW	311.0	307.0
BNI	401.0	397.0
BVG	513.0	505.0
COMMERZB	225.0	222.2
CONTI GUJN	248.1	244.3
DALMER BEN	638.0	633.0
DEUTSCHE BHK	435.0	432.5
DLD	376.0	377.0
DRESNER B	249.0	246.5
FZ-BADCOB	172.5	168.8
FAZ INDEX	472.78	469.68
FELDENFUR	282.0	280.0
GOLDSCHEIDT	322.5	314.0
HARPER	434.0	433.0
HOECHST AG	264.0	262.2
HOFER	140.5	139.5
HORTEN	186.0	186.0
HUSCHEL HLD	430.0	431.0
KALI SALZ	163.8	154.0
KARLSTADT	428.0	428.0
KAUFHOFF	363.5	370.0
KLEIN	121.9	120.0
KLOECK W	0	101.00
KLINDE	685.0	683.5
LUFTHANSA	150.5	148.5
MANNESM	187.5	184.0
MERCEDES	157.1	156.0
METALLBERG	516.0	512.0
MINIXALDOR PF	312.5	310.0
MOERK	458.0	454.6
PHILIP H	59.90	58.70
PHYLO KON	601.0	603.0
PREUSSA	513.0	502.0
REUTH	174.5	167.2
RHM	217.6	217.0
ROHMETAL	292.0	282.0
SALZ	224.0	221.5
SAR P	209.5	207.5
SALAMANDER	244.0	239.0
SCHERING	525.0	510.0
SEL	302.0	294.5
SIEGENS	417.5	401.5
SIGMA	146.0	143.2
WARTA	278.0	278.0
WERT	267.5	262.0
WOLFSBURG	163.5	164.7
WYK	265.5	260.5

EDUCATION

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	MITSUB CP	1210	1220
AIJIKINOMOTO	3180	3170	MITSUB EL	895	845
KAIK ELEC	689		MITSUB EST	2430	2490
AKOI	719		MITSUB HMY	890	865
ASAHI GAS	1050	1060	MITSUB CO	927	925
ASAHI GAS	2040	2000	MITSUKOSHI	1680	1670
ASAHI OPT	777	768	MITSUBI EL	1240	1190
BANK TOKYO	1560	1580	MITSUBI CBN	1400	1340
BRIDGESTON	1330	1290	NIHON CHMT	851	845
CANON	1250	1170	NIKKO SEC	1900	1860
CASIO COMP	1290	1210	NIP ELEC	2110	2050
CHUGAI PHG	0	1530	NIP KOKKAM	580	584
CITIZEN W	911	900	NIP OIL	1110	1120
D-ICHI KAN	3130	3130	NIP STEEL	620	615
DAI NIP IK	791	800	NIP YUSEN	749	723
DAI NIP PT	2480	2460	NIS MOTOR	1020	980
DAI NIP SC	1130	1090	NOHURA SEC	3690	3650
DAI NIP TO	672	680	ONDA CO	980	985
DATCEL	863	865	OLYMPUS	1130	1100
DATIME N	1860	1850	PESITA OCK	870	870
DAIWA SEC	2290	2300	PIONEER	3130	3030
ERKA HFG	990	980	RENOWN	931	934
ETSAI	1980	1980	RICOM	1260	1210
FUJITSU	3550	3490	SANKYO	1970	1940
FUJII BANK	3140	3130	SANYO ELEC	708	652
FUJII PHOTO	3770	3650	SEI SEI	2170	2170
FUJISAWA	1850	1780	SEKI SUJI PB	1720	1720
FUJITA CP	770	765	SHARP	1160	1120
HITACHI	1470	1420	SHI SEIDO	1780	1850
HONDA MOT	1710	1650	SONY	5230	5070
ISETAN	1640	1640	SUMITOMO	1120	1100
ITO YOKADO	4290	4300	TAI SEI	930	920
JAP SYN RR	1220	1130	TAISHO HRN	1070	1080
JAPAN AIR	14200	13800	TAKEEDA CH	2650	2600
JAPAN MET	683	709	TEI JIN	845	838
KAJIMA	1440	1430	TKO NEW IX	166.90	155.70
KANSAI EL	3050	3060	TOKYO HRN	1900	1890
KAO SOAP	1760	1750	TOKYO ELEC	1170	1200
KAWASAKI H	680	675	TOKYO GAS	0	1030
KAWASAKI S	633	573	TOKYO POMR	0	5590
S KIRIN BREW	2080	2080	TORAY IND	921	927
KOWATSU	724	758	TOSHIBA EL	950	950
KUBOTA LTD	743	730	TOSHIBA MT	2090	2100
KYOCERA	5470	5300	TOYO KKOBY	640	608
MAKITA EL	1770	1760	TOYOTA MOT	2300	2240
MARUI	2950	2950	YAMAHA	0	1340
MATSUTA EI	0	2450	YAMAICHI	0	1800
MATSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMANAKU	0	3850
MEIJI SEIK	1000	998	YAMAZAKI	0	1510

Token Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER IN HEAVY TRADE
 TOKYO, JUNE 29, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER ON BUYING OF LARGE CAPITAL STOCKS AND HIGH TECH SHARES AS INVESTORS GOT TO SHIRING OFF DOLLAR CONCERNS, BROKERS SAID.
 "INFLATIONARY FEARS IN THE U.S. SEEM TO HAVE SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT WHICH WILL PREVENT U.S. INTEREST RATES FROM RISING," SAID A FUND MANAGER AT A MAJOR JAPANESE BANK. "THIS MAY HELP CURB THE DOLLAR FROM BEING PUSHED HIGHER."
 THE NIKKEI INDEX CLIMBED 209.26 POINTS, OR 0.76 PCT, TO 27,607.33. IT LOST 36.92 POINTS ON TUESDAY.
 RISES ALMOST MATCHED FALLS IN MASSIVE TURNOVER OF 2.5 BILLION SHARES, MATCHING TUESDAY'S VOLUME.
 SECURITIES HOUSE, ELECTRICAL, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, PHARMACEUTICAL, AIRLINE, AUTO, SHIPBUILDING, RAILWAY/BUS, GLASS/CEMENT, SHIPPING AND SOME MANUFACTURING SHARES ROSE.
 BANK, CREDIT/LEASE, GAS, COMMUNICATIONS, RETAIL, WAREHOUSE, RUBBER, NON-FERROUS METAL AND MACHINERY ISSUES DECLINED.
 A CUMULATIVE DROP OF OVER 1,000 POINTS SINCE JUNE 20 LURED BARGAIN-HUNTERS BACK INTO THE MARKET EVEN AS THE DOLLAR CONTINUED TO TEST NEW PEAKS FOR THE YEAR. BROKERS SAID THERE WAS A SHIFT FROM STEELS TO OTHER LARGE CAPITAL ISSUES SUCH AS SHIPBUILDERS AND HEAVY ELECTRICALS.
 WALL STREET'S 22-POINT GAIN IN THE DOW-JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE OVERNIGHT TO 2,131 BOLSTERED INVESTOR SENTIMENT, AS DID A DROP IN THE COMMODITY RESEARCH BUREAU INDEX, WHICH ALLEVIATED SOME INFLATION CONCERNS. EXPECTATIONS THAT IT MAY RAIN IN THE DROUGHT-NIT U.S. MIGHTEST ALSO SOOTHEED FEARS OF RISING PRICES AND HELPED SET THE SCENE FOR A REBOUND HERE, BROKERS SAID.
 "WE'VE COME THIS FAR WITH GOOD BUSINESS RESULTS," SAID YUSUKE FUJIMURA, HEAD OF TRADING AT BARING SECURITIES. "WHILE THERE IS STILL CONCENTRION OVER THE CAP FOR THE DOLLAR, THE MARKET HAS DECIDED TO GET ON WITH IT."

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JUNE 29, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED LOWER ON SELLING BY OVERSEAS INVESTORS WHO ARE CONCERNED THAT RECENT RISES IN INTEREST RATES WILL UNDERMINE THE PROPERTY MARKET, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FELL 13.24 TO 2,648.22 AND THE HONG KONG INDEX DROPPED 9.45 TO 1,749.82.

THE HANG SENG INDEX WAS UP SHARPLY IN EARLY TRADING BEFORE THE OVERSEAS SELLERS EMERGED.

"NEW YORK IS UP, TOKYO'S UP, THE HONG KONG DOLLAR'S UP AND THE U.S. DOLLAR'S UP. HONG KONG SHOULD BE IN BETTER SHAPE," A U.S. BROKER SAID.

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR	CLSE
K T TUNNEL	17.90	17.70
CHUMBA C	7.65	7.70
CHINA GAS	17.80	17.80
CHINA L-P	17.70	17.80
CHINA MOTR	23.20	23.60
COSMO PROD		4.10
EVEREST IND	.52	.54
PAR EAST C	.84	.86
GEN ORIENT		44.00
C DEVELOP	9.55	9.70
S INDEX	468.22	661.46
HANG LONG	5.40	5.50
HANG SENG	28.00	28.10
HAM PAR BR		21.00
K ELEC CO	7.40	7.40
K KOALCON	7.95	7.95
K LAND CO	7.55	7.60
K SHAN BK	6.15	6.15
K SHAN IT	4.95	5.10
K TELE CO	7.10	7.10
KUTCH PHAM	8.90	9.00
IND OY PAC	12.70	12.90
HARDINE M	12.80	12.80
KOALCON H	9.40	9.60
WORLD CON	11.30	11.20
MAIL Y DEV	2.85	2.87
HEALTHY DEV		6.45
H K K CO	2.32	2.35
H K K PROP	11.40	11.40
INDUS DARY	1.80	1.82
WILUX MFG	2.77	2.77
MIRE PAC	18.30	18.50
V B CO	13.30	13.30
TAI CHEUNG	4.00	4.05
WITON BANK	1.64	1.65
WORLD HARD	0	7.25
WORLD MARI	0	1.15
WORLD INTEL	3.47	3.50

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR					BC-A	82.00	85.00	85.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		LC-A	.44	.45	.44
AC-A	9.60	9.70	9.60		LC-B	.46	.47	.46
FAS	3.55	3.60	3.60		PH-A	.40	.41	.40
ANR	3.3	3.40	3.35		PX-B	.41	.42	.41
BLD	36.00	36.50	36.00		OIL SECTOR			
PLO	183.00	184.00	183.00		BP-A	.022	.023	.022
KPSI-A	2.00	2.02	2.00		BP-B	.022	.023	.022
SMC-A	131	132.00	131		UBC-A	.023	.024	.023
SMC-B	182.00	185.00	182.00		LP-B	.0026	.0032	.0026
MINING SECTOR					QPN-A	.038	.039	.039
APX-A	.042	.044	.043		QPN-B	.039	.04	.04
APX-B	.042	.045	.044		OV-A	.036	.037	.036
AT-A	23.00	23.25	23.25		OV-B	.037	.038	

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM.IND.	348,400	15,061,290	863.91	0.89 DN
MINING	116,149,800	12,315,325	5,134.02	119.18 DN
OIL	164,850,000	4,266,460	6.379	0.12 UP
TOTAL	281,348,200	31,643,075	839.86	0.70 DN

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		BC-A	82.00	82.50	83.00	
SNC-A	131.00	132.00	131.00		BC-B	90.00	92.00		
SNC-B	182.00	184.00	182.00		LC-A	.44	.45	.44	
SD-TIRE	30.00	30.50			LC-B	.46	.47	.46	
PLDT	183.00	185.00	183.00		ZIP	.012	.013	.012	
ANSCOR-A	3.55	3.60	3.60		OIL SECTOR				
GL-A	9.50	9.70	9.60		STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	
ACUO	36.00	36.50	36.00		BP-A	.022	.023	.021	
FER-A	3.30	3.35	3.35		BP-B	.023	.024	.022	
FER-B	3.35	3.40	3.45		LRC-A	.0024	.003		
					LRC-B	.0026	.003		
MINING SECTOR					OPW-A	.038	.039	.038	
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		OPW-B	.038	.04	.039	
APX-A	.043	.044	.043		OV-A	.036	.037	.036	
APX-B	.044	.045	.044		OV-B	.037	.038	.037	
AT-A	23.25	23.50	23.50		TA	.024	.025	.024	
AT-B	26.00	27.00							

Janita Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	...742,650	5,651,100	860.80	UNCN.
MINING	231,085,450	15,912,230	5,052.36	DN 25.68
OILS	219,700,000	5,299,700	6.707	UP .092
TOTAL	451,528,100	26,863,030	849.01	UP 2.77

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	SSI	125	125	LEONHIAUT	-----
				GUINNESS	299	296	N UTD LTD	172
				GULA			N UTD MFG	78
AJINOMOTO	200	200	QUL		147	147	M'SHITA	620
ALEXANDRA	180	180	N L I MD.		80	76.5	M'WATA	63
AMLAND IMD	83	83	N HAI PAR		106	107	MAGNUM	242
AMNLS NLDSG	170	170	HARIMAU		358	356	HALEX IMD	380
ANCOL	146	143	NAM PAR		90	91	NARCOBOL	138
ASA TOS	176	176	HEIDA		55	52.5	NBS NLDSG	95
C & C	267	266	NHLD HOTEL		450	450	NEWBANG	63
CARLSBERG	505	500	NTL M'SBAR		286	286	HEXAG	420
COLDI STOR	400	396	NLT M'BEA		142	145	NTC BIR	392
DATAPAT	48	48	HTL PROSP		157	155	MALPRAID	34
DEN	510	510	HTL ROTAL		189	190	MURATA	60
DUNLOP LTD	110	112	HUNE IND		101	101	NYCOM BHD	160
ELECTRICAL	444	444	HUA HONG		291	291	N ST TIME	368
EUDECH MAGN	149	142	INTRACO		615	615	NB TIMBER	111
EXPRESS ORD	400	400	ISETAM		77	76	QUE	468
FEI YAN S.	208	207	J CEMENT		239	239	P MALAYAT	275
FEVERPHEE	-----	-----	J EHGRG		120	120	ROBINSON	250
F A C B	60	60	JC ENT		132	132	S PRESS	735
F F E ASSET	83	83	K G NLDSG		55	55	S PRESS F	730
F F E SHIP	222	222	K KELLAS		100	100	SANYO	95
FEB ORD	900	905	K L IND		120	120	SATERAS	73
FEW CABLE	-----	-----	KAMUNTING		258	257	SIAL INC	109
FUJITEC	656	656	K SANG		55	55	SEAVIEW	248
G LUMBER	115	115	KENTUCKY		258	257	SHELL ORD	540
GANDA IND	46	44	KEPPEL C W		214	214	SIA PORG	1270
GENS CORP	89	83.5	KUCEL		142	142	SIN HENG	270
GENTLING	565	555	KG FLOOR		190	180	SPK SENTO	60
GOOD COIN	210	210	KIAH JOO		110	110	TONG MENG	210
GOODWOOD	1050	1050	KINGS HTL					
GRAND GEN	145	142	KUMP ENAS					

Singapore Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSE MARGINALLY HIGHER

SINGAPORE, JUNE 29, REUTER SHARE PRICES CLOSED MARGINALLY HIGHER ACROSS THE BOARD. SELECTIVE AND SPECULATIVE VOLUME IN THE AFTERNOON PROFIT-TAKING, BROKERS SAID. THEY SAID A 22-POINT RISE IN THE DOU JONES YESTERDAY AND A HIGHER TOKYO STOCK MARKET HELPED SENTIMENT. THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX ROSE 5.77 POINTS TO 1,085.38. RISES IN THE DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL INDEX BY 143 TO 35. TRADING WAS NECTIC AND TURNOVER INCREASED TO 74 MLN SHARES FROM 44.6 MLN ON TUESDAY. BROKERS SAID PRICES FIRMED IN EARLY TRADING, HELPED BY RETAILER AND INSTITUTIONAL BUYING. SPORADIC PROFIT-TAKING WAS ABSORBED IN THE AFTERNOON.

ZAMBIA

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	DE BEUSE P'S	1505	1295
BAER IDGS	12975	12925	DE BEUSE I	1110	1090
BALOISE PS	2025	2050	DE BEUSE N	243.00	235.00
BBC I A	2380	2350	DE BEUSE P	258.00	254.00
BK LEU I	2560	2700	'ROCHE BABY	12075	11925
BK LEU N	2450	2425	ROCHE I	82000	84000
BK LEU PS	430	420	RUECKVEY I	13200	13100
CBF	1110	1100	RUECKVEY N	6015	6000
CIB GEIG I	3400	3310	RUECKVEY P	1995	1975
CIB GEIG N	1590	1540	RY TR BK	1250	1230
CIB GEIG P	2265	2250	S BNKGLS I	3110	3075
CEA	1215	1275	S BNKGLS N	595	590
CRED SUJ I	2640	2625	S BNKGLS P	112.50	112.00
CRED SUJ N	470	467	S BRKVHR I	353	354
EG LAUFEN	1800	1815	S BRKVHR N	275.00	277.00
ELEKTROMAT	3052	3025	S BRKVHR P	294.00	294.00
EMS CHEN I	3725	3700	SANDOZ I	12000	12025
EMS CHEN P	0	0	SANDOZ N	5100	5050
GLOBUS I	7550	7550	SANDOZ PS	2010	1980
GLOBUS N	0	7000	SULZER N	5025	4950
GLOBUS PS	1250	1230	SULZER PS	445	445
JACOBS S I	7880	7825	SVB	1735	1720
JACOBS S N	1330	1320	SUISAIR I	1135	1120
JACOBS S P	650	650	SUISAIR N	990	970
JELM I	2570	2550	W THUR I	5340	5300
JELM PS	380	377	W THUR N	2550	2525
LANDIS N	1290	1240	W THUR PS	665	665
LANDIS PS	118.00	112.00	ZURICH I	5825	5820
NERCK I	805	802	ZURICH N	2480	2475
			ZURICH PS	1875	1850

Egypt develops defence industry for arms export

PARIS, June 29. (KUNA): Defence has become a major growth industry in Egypt where arms factories are turning out everything from hand guns to attack helicopters, reported the Middle East bi-weekly, Mednews.

"Only ten years ago, Egypt was importing 98 per cent of its weapons," said Mednews, "but massive investments by the Egyptian government and the Arab Organisation for Industrialisation (AOI) has since catapulted Egypt into the top ranks of Third World arms exporters."

But by far, the largest purchaser of Egyptian weapons is Iraq, said Mednews, with sales averaging \$600 million per year since 1981.

The publication said Iraq has bought 40 "Tucano" basic training aircraft, huge quantities of ammunition, rocket launchers and tank spareparts.

The Tucano is a turbo-propelled training aircraft built under licence from its Brazilian manufacturer.

It added that Iraqi State Minister for Armament Supplies Abdel Jabbar Shanshal has already expressed desire to purchase more.

Client

Medoews estimated the annual turn over of the seventeen companies which comprise the "National Organisation for Military Production" at \$740 million, with the nine companies of the AOI producing again, as much.

The publication said major customers include Zambia, Zaïre, Zimbabwe, Sudao, Somalia, Algeria, Saudi Arabia and Oman. Last April, with an order of Egyptian-built "Fahd" armoured personnel carriers, Kuwait became Egypt's newest client.

Gold prices decline sharply

US dollar surges despite intervention fears

LONDON, June 29, (Reuters): The US dollar was higher in European trading today despite expectations of intervention by European central banks to keep its rise under control.

Gold prices, which began falling sharply in New York yesterday, continued dropping to quiet European trading, hitting their lowest levels in Europe since March.

Dealers said gold was coming under pressure from the stronger dollar and receding fears of inflation.

Support

The dollar was getting support from Japanese remarks that appeared to indicate a desire for a higher dollar, but the currency was off its early highs amid worries of central bank intervention, foreign exchange dealers said.

Traders in Frankfurt said the market was still reacting to Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, who said the Bank of Japan "isn't thinking" of intervening to stem the dollar's recent rally.

"The market is being driven by the dollar-yen rate, and as long as this seems headed upward, the dollar will continue to be firm," said a trader in Frankfurt.

However, fears that central banks would intervene as they did yesterday were putting a psychological barrier on the dollar's climb, dealers said.

"Trading is nervous but light, as everybody is waiting for possible interventions by European central banks and a likely half-point rise of the discount rate in West Germany," said one trader with a major Italian commercial bank.

"In the absence of any intervention later in the day the dollar is set to rise again," he added.

Broke

In Tokyo, where the business days end before Europe's begins, the dollar broke the 133-yen level for the first time in nearly seven months before falling back to close at 132.40 yen, up 1.45 yen from yesterday. Later, in London, it topped 133-yen again and was quoted at 133.22 yen.

Other dollar rates at mid-morning, compared with late yesterday's rates:

— 1.8235 West German marks, up from 1.8070
— 1.5080 Swiss francs, up from 1.4960
— 6.1415 French francs, up from 6.0885
— 2.0515 Dutch guilders, up from 2.0210
— 1.349.00 Italian lire, up from 1.337.00
— 1.2165 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2105

In London, the dollar rose against British pound. It cost \$1.7105 to buy one pound, compared with \$1.7200 late yesterday.

Gold prices fell in reaction to an overall mood that inflation fears had been exaggerated and expectations that the dollar's rise will continue pushing gold lower, dealers said.

Gold fixed in London at a bid price of \$433.30 a troy ounce, down from late yesterday's \$443.20. At mid-morning today, the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a lower recommended price of \$434.90.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$433.50, down from \$443.20 late yesterday. Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell \$6.26 to close at a bid \$440.04.

Silver was quoted in London today at a bid price of \$6.71 a troy ounce, down from yesterday's \$6.92.

Feared

Traders had feared that a drought in the North American grain belt would force food prices up and so rekindle inflation. But with rain in some of the US Midwest yesterday and forecasts of more showers there, many are now broken. A Zurich bullion dealer said, "Inflation worries last month pushed gold up to nearly \$460 an ounce."

Stock markets were firm. London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip British shares opened 3.8 points higher at 1,860.7. In Tokyo, the world's biggest stock market, the 225-share Nikkei

average rose 209.24 points to 27,607.33.

Inflation fears had been weighing heavily on stock markets, although at last week's Toronto summit the Group of Seven leading industrial nations pledged to keep a lid on prices.

Utmot

"I believe each nation is making its utmost efforts... to stabilise prices," Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita told a Tokyo news conference.

Sumita said the narrowing US trade deficit and buoyant American economy are boosting the dollar but added that he does not expect its uninterrupted rise to continue.

"Inflationary fears in the US seem to have been subsided somewhat, which will prevent US interest rates from rising," said a fund manager at a major Japanese bank. "This may help curb the dollar from being pushed higher."

Keenly

But others expect a buoyant but not inflationary US economy to attract foreign funds into American stocks and bonds.

"I would say that there is only one way for the dollar at the moment — it's up," said Yukuo Takahashi, vice-president of Chemical Bank in Tokyo.

The number of dollar buyers — in particular importers and institutional investors, is defin-

itely larger than sellers for the moment and these people are keenly waiting for a chance to buy the dollar at lower levels," he added.

Seven European central banks intervened to slow the dollar's rise yesterday, fearing a strong dollar will boost import prices and raise inflation in their countries.

But dealers say they are unsure the central banks can stop the dollar rally, especially since neither the US Federal Reserve nor the Bank of Japan joined the European intervention.

The central banks worried that a strong dollar would boost import prices and so risk boosting inflation. That worry had been especially strong in West Germany and Japan.

Bargains

But with Tokyo's Nikkei average down 1,000 points since June 20, many investors decided there are now bargains to be had.

"We've come this far with good business results," said Yusuke Fujiwara, head of trading at Fukuoka Securities in Tokyo. "While there is still concern over the cap for the dollar, the market has decided to get on with it," he said.

West German shares were up, Paris shares rose 0.32 per cent, the All-Share Swiss index rose four points to 868.4 and Sydney's All-Ordinaries index rose 16 points to 1,560.6.

US leading indicators fall

WASHINGTON, June 29, (Reuters): The US index of leading economic indicators, the government's main gauge of future business activity, fell 0.1 per cent in May after rising 0.5 per cent in April, the Commerce Department said today.

The department also reported sales of new single-family homes fell 0.3 per cent last month, to an annual rate of 658,000, after a rise of 1.1 per cent in April.

Consistent

The slight drop in the index of leading indicators, which was in line with expectations, was consistent with other statistics recently that pointed to a slowdown in the economy after a rapid start to the year, economists said.

A brisk 3.6 per cent growth rate in the first three months of the year, coupled with signs of continued vigour in the second quarter, prompted the White House last week to raise its forecasts for 1988 growth to 3.0 per cent from 2.4 per cent.

To meet the administration's forecast, the economy would have to grow at a 2.8 per cent rate in the final three quarters of the year.

The United States is enjoying its 67th consecutive month of growth, a peacetime record, and economists say there is little chance of the economy stumbling badly between now and the November presidential election.

None of the typical harbingers of recession — excessive inventories or sharply rising interest rates — are present, although the

financial markets remain worried about a resurgence of inflation.

The dip in the leading economic index in May followed three months of gains. Five of the nine components of the index fell last month, led by lower stock prices.

The 0.5 per cent rise in April's basket was previously estimated by the Commerce Department at 0.2 per cent. The upward revision reflected data that was not available last month showing higher credit outstanding.

The other four indicators that contributed to the May decline were contracts and orders for plant and equipment, a rise in average weekly initial claims for jobless insurance, a shorter average work week, and fewer building permits.

Four indicators were positive: the speed with which suppliers filled orders, manufacturers' new orders for consumer goods and materials, changes in sensitive materials prices, and the money supply.

Measures

The index of coincident indicators, which measures the state of the economy, rose 0.2 per cent in May after falling 0.1 per cent in April.

The ratio of coincident to lagging indicators, which some economists believe signals changes in the economy better than the leading index, rose to 120.1 in May from 119.9 in April but remained below the March level of 120.7.

The drop in home sales was not as steep as Wall Street had forecast. But the government revised down the rises it had reported for April, to 1.1 per cent from 4.0 per cent and for March, to 0.8 per cent from 1.2 per cent. Despite the dip, the annual sales rate for new homes in May was still 1.4 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Adjusted

Like the leading indicators, the home sales figures are adjusted to iron out seasonal variations.

The average sales price for a home of \$135,900 last month was up from \$135,600 in April and \$126,600 in May 1987, the government said.

The various changes left the index at 192.6 per cent of its 1967 base of 100.

Michael Evans, head of a Washington economic consulting firm, said the economy is really doing better than the leading index would suggest because much of the growth this year has come from a surge in export sales, which the index does not track very well.

Some economists have begun to express concerns that the drought in the Midwest will boost inflation this year because of higher food prices.

But Beryl Sprinkel, said last week the White House was sticking by its forecast that consumer prices would rise only 4.5 per cent this year, little changed from last year's inflation rate.

Business booms for Islamic banks

LONDON, June 29, (Reuters): Charging interest is the way bankers around the world make their money — except, that is, for the booming business of Islamic banking.

The Quran bans interest. And it bans lending money if the loan is not for a productive purpose. But Islamic bankers have pioneered a way of lending money without charging interest. Borrowers pay a fee instead.

And since the first Islamic bank opened in the Nile delta, 25 years ago, the system has spread to more than 70 banks controlling \$25 to 30 billion.

Switched

There are Islamic banks throughout the Middle East and Asia, in Europe and even in New Zealand.

Iran and Pakistan say their whole economies have been switched to Islamic principles.

The key is that charging a fee for providing a productive loan addresses Islam's concern about the moral consequences of usury or lending over time.

"Money is out an end in itself, it is a means to an end," explains Saudi Prince Mohammed Al Faisal, chairman of Dr Al Maal Al Islami, the biggest Islamic banking group.

Dr Al Maal Al Islami was founded in 1981 in Geneva and now has a portfolio of \$2 billion, invested in projects from 25 Islamic banks to a plant making watches chiming at Muslim prayer times and showing the direction of Mecca.

Western sceptics say Islamic banks charge interest by another name.

Islamic bankers say cost may be similar but argue that their system, with its emphasis on bow-

money is used instead of on the money itself, is different and offers an alternative system for the world's 800 million Muslims.

Goal

"It must be remembered that the Western system has had hundreds of years to develop... our goal and philosophy are long term," Faisal said.

But Faisal and other top Islamic bankers meeting in London in June found the system was still loosely defined and that it faces a number of practical problems.

One is that Islamic banks have so far failed to move from short-term financing of trade to longer-term lending for developing nations.

Another key problem is inflexibility — there are few Islamic bonds or bank deposits through which lenders can store their

funds.

Largely unregulated deposit-takers challenge the Islamic system in Egypt and have done in Pakistan.

And there is still much controversy over defining Islamic financial transactions and over how the Islamic system should relate to the rest of the world.

Biggest

"You can talk to 10 scholars and get 10 interpretations," said Mohammed El Hennawi, chief economist at the Saudi-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB), owned by 44 Islamic countries and the biggest transnational Islamic bank.

Hennawi said a board of 140 Islamic jurists this year agreed a three-page Islamic banking code after years of debate. But even the smallest query will have to be settled in plenary session.

Rubber boom brings back investors to Malaysian market

KUALA LUMPUR, June 29, (Reuters): Foreign investors who abandoned Malaysia's share market in droves after the crash of '87 are being lured back by soaring world commodity prices.

"Every time there is a rubber boom, there is a market boom," P.H.S. Lim, president of the Malaysian Investors' Association said in an interview. He recalled the last real boom in Malaysia, the world's largest producer of natural rubber, palm oil and tin, came in 1979-80 when rubber prices were also high.

Demand

Rubber prices, benefiting from strong demand from tyre makers and AIDS-related demand for surgical gloves and condoms, are at their highest level for eight years.

Palm oil prices, reacting to surging soyabean prices due to drought in the US Midwest, are

firm, while tin prices, supported by supply controls by major exporters, are rising.

Lee Siao Chio, managing director of Arab-Malaysian Securities, said substantial foreign buying of Malaysian stocks, particularly by British investors, began in April after the Central Bank released an optimistic annual report.

Brokers estimate that at least 1.5 billion ringgit (\$600 million) has poured into the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (KLSE) since then.

Mohamed Hatta Yahaya, senior investment manager of Amanah Merchant Bank, said the Malaysian Stock Market was attracting attention of investors in America, Japan, Taiwan, and Singapore.

"Singapore brokers are promoting Malaysian stocks overseas instead of their shares," said Yahaya.

During the first five months of this year the KLSE industrial index rose 34 per cent, while Singapore's Straits Times industrial index increased only 22 per cent.

A pronounced rally in May, led by rubber stocks, lifted the Kuala Lumpur market above the traditionally stronger Singapore market for the first time, analysts said.

British-based stockbroker James Capel said in a recent review of Asian markets that the Malaysian Stock Market was likely to outperform other regional markets in 1988, while average corporate earnings would grow by almost a third.

The boom was reflected in Malaysia's trade surplus for the first quarter of 1988, which jumped 21 per cent to 1.38 billion ringgit (\$630 million) against first-quarter 1987.

The Central Bank forecast that Malaysia's real Gross

Domestic Product, a measurement of economic activity, would rise over five per cent this year, against 4.7 per cent in 1987 and 1.2 per cent in 1986.

Rally

Analysts expect Malaysia's Stock Market rally to last until the end of the year, and Lim said he was looking for a sharp rise in the KLSE index. However, other analysts were cautious, saying memories of last October's crash would limit the rise.

Some investors also worry about the aftershocks of a row last year between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahatir Mohamad and his political rivals in the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO Bar), then the country's leading Malay party.

Mahatir broke away to form a new party after UMNO Bar was outlawed for alleged malpractices at Congress in 1987 which re-elected him as leader.

Khuff gas injection plant completed

ABU DHABI, June 29, (OPECNA): The recently-completed Khuff gas injection plant has been handed over to the Abu Dhabi Marine Operating Company (ADMA-OPCO) which is to operate it for the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC).

The unit was built to enhance gas flows to the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plant on Das Island.

In its 1987 report, ADMA-OPCO described the project as part of its efforts to improve efficiency under a programme to computerise production plant maintenance and inspection which began last year.

The company is currently operating 128 production wells in the Umm Shaif region, four in Uweinat, another four in Al Khuff and 141 in the lower Zakum field.

The report said that the company's storage capacity reached 8.14 million barrels.

The report says 1987 was also marked by further savings in drilling costs through the optimisation and tendering of well servicing and equipment.

The engineering division also continued to give active support to the company's operations by providing engineering, construction and quality-assurance services, it added.

Total Nigeria profits up

LAGOS, June 29, (OPECNA): Total Nigeria Ltd has declared an after-tax profit of \$8 million for the year ended Dec 31 1987.

Company chairman J. E. Goubeau told the annual general meeting here that the figure showed an increase of 31 per cent over that of 1986.

He said the group turnover was \$158 million representing a 10.2 per cent growth over the \$144 million figure for 1986.

The chairman announced a dividend of \$6.10 million stating that half of the company's annual budget of \$5.20 million would be spent on development of existing product outlets and selective additions of new ones in the country.

"We shall continue to invest in the development of the liquefied petroleum gas and aviation fuel market," he said, adding that the company's transport and computer system would be modernised.

Bangladesh to host seminar on credit

ROME, June 29, (OPECNA): Bangladesh will host an international six-day seminar in September on credit for rural women and ways to improve and expand its delivery.

The gathering, which is to be held in co-operation with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), will be attended by participants from both developed and developing countries.

The seminar will also deal with alternative credit models, ways to improve the financial viability of small loan and saving programmes for rural women and training of workers in handling credit schemes.

The meeting will dwell on rural development and assistance extended to rural women who face many difficulties in contributing to the well-being of their families due to scarcity of seeds, fertilizers, equipment and materials.

According to IFAD, the symposium will explore ways of strengthening ties between international credit sources and non-governmental organisations active in rural development.

The participants will consist of

policy-makers, project planners, administrators of rural credit programmes, representatives of women's organisations, bankers and leaders of non-governmental organisations from developing countries.

The seminar, which will take place from Sept 5-10 in Dhaka, the Bangladesh capital, will also be attended by representatives of international development institutions and donor agencies.

Saudi company nets profit

DAMMAM, June 29, (OPECNA): The Saudi Fisheries Company netted a profit of \$3.81 million in 1987 out of total sales revenues of \$42.19 million, according to figures released here.

The company's latest bulletin said that a total of 8,206 tons of fish was caught last year, 91 per cent of which was consumed locally while the remainder was exported to markets in Japan, the United States and Europe.

It said that the company had set up factories to process the fish in the kingdom as well as cold storage units and 17 retail shops.

World oil prices weaken

LONDON, June 29, (Reuters): Crude oil prices fell 20 cents a barrel on international spot markets today as worries about oversupplied markets were reinforced by news the UAE planned to boost output above its official OPEC quota, traders said.

Pribs had received early support from weekly American stock figures, released late yesterday, showing unexpectedly large drawdowns crude and gasoline stocks.

But the support proved temporary. Market fundamentals of surplus supplies and slack demand reassured themselves.

Prices were further pressured when Gulf-based oil industry sources said that the newly formed UAE Higher Council for Petroleum had authorised producers in the emirate of Abu Dhabi to increase July output to

1.1 mba barrels per day (BPD) from its current level of 900,000.

That would take total production for the UAE to about 1.5 million BPD, far in excess of the quota set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) of 948,000.

At the end of the recent OPEC talks in Vienna, UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba rejected the UAE OPEC quota, as insufficient and this stance was backed by the UAE cabinet earlier this week.

Oil sources said the move indicates Abu Dhabi has already found buyers for the increased volumes, most likely through offering larger discounts off its official OPEC prices to its main Japanese customers.

"They must have customers for the crude, otherwise they would not be so open about it,"

one source said.

Coming on top of widespread reports that OPEC output has been creeping up towards 19 million bpd in recent weeks, well above its official ceiling, the news from the UAE sent prices into a new slide.

Towards the close of European business, North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, stood 20 cents lower at \$14.65 per barrel.

The leading US crude, West Texas Intermediate, was also down 20 cents to \$13.05 per barrel.

When spot oil prices — FOB, dollars per barrel

	June 29	June 28
Brent (Prompt)	14.65	14.85
WTI (Cushing, August)	13.70	13.90
Dubai (Aug)	13.05	13.25

Turkey buys three Airbuses

ANKARA, June 29, (Reuters): State-run Turkish Airlines (THY) has purchased three new Airbus A-310-300s this year and plans to buy four more by 1992, a company spokesman said yesterday.

The airline, Turk Hava

Yollar, wants to increase its fleet of 28 aircraft to cover planned new routes to New York, Tokyo, Sydney and Moscow.

It bought one A-310-300 from Airbus Industrie in April and two in June at a cost of \$56 million each. Two more are plan-

ned for 1989 and another two by 1992, the spokesman said.

The airline made a pre-tax profit of 130.1 billion lira (\$94 million) in the first 10 months of last year after 4.5 billion (\$3.3 million) out by high expenses, in calendar 1986.

moderate course higher but off

best levels of the session, boosted by a strong dollar and bullish sentiment but burdened by interest rate uncertainty. The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at mid-session, fell rose 11 points or 0.8 per cent to 1,432.8.

ZURICH: Swiss share prices finished slightly higher in moderate trading undermined by a strong dollar and the overnight gain on Wall Street. The All-Share Swiss index was 6.5 points or 0.75 per cent higher at 870.9.

PARIS: French shares ended slightly firmer but off their highs which came on support from the good performance of Wall Street and Tokyo overnight. The 50-share Bourse indicator ended 0.41 per cent higher.

LONDON: Equities stood mixed after a moderately active session. Bnt a sharp gain in the pharmaceutical company Glaxo, which has a heavy weighting in the index, saw the FTSE 100 3.8 higher at 1,360.5 at 1517 GMT.

NEW YORK: Stocks were mostly higher but pulling back from moderate early gains. Declines in both bonds and the dollar brought in profit-taking. The Dow 30 was up three at 2134.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 29, (Reuters): The share market bounced back in a late buying surge to close sharply higher for the first time this week. The All Ordinaries index closed at 1,560.6, up 16.0 points.

TOKYO: Prices closed higher on buying of large capital issues and high tech shares as investors tried to shrug off dollar concerns. The Nikkei climbed 209.24 to 27,607.33.

HONG KONG: Share prices closed lower on selling by overseas investors who are concerned that recent rises in interest rates will undermine the property market. The Hang Seng index fell 13.24 to 2,648.22.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed marginally higher across the board on selective aod speculative buying which absorbed profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index rose 5.77 points to 1,085.38.

BOMBAY: Heavy buying by state-owned financial institutions helped shares recover after a week-long decline. FRANKFURT: Prices ended a

Spain and Morocco sign \$1b economic aid accord

MADRID, June 29, (AP): A move indicative of closer relations, Spain and Morocco signed today a five-year, \$1-billion economic agreement in which Spain is to invest in public works and provide low-interest development loans to the North African country.

Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez and his Moroccan counterpart Abdelatif Filali signed the agreement at midday, shortly after the Moroccan began a two-day visit to meet with his colleague and Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez as well as King Juan Carlos.

Loans

The new bilateral economic accord calls for Spain to provide \$410 million in loans to help Morocco finance purchases of capital goods and services. The rest of the \$1-billion package is to go toward financing development projects of mutual interest.

Spain is to loan \$656 million of the total under special, low-interest conditions, the Spanish minister said.

Fernandez Ordonez called the new agreement "a new framework for relations in which Spain

wants to express its interest in Morocco's development."

COIN SMUGGLING

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 30-JULY 1, 1988

The first part of this story appeared in the Arab Times yesterday.

In March 1988, while coins from the hoard were on their way to auction, Jonathan Kagan was in Turkey advising the deputy prime minister and the undersecretary of the treasury how to invest wisely. At the time, they did not know of the involvement of a Lazard Freres executive with the hoard.

Jeffrey Spier has his own problems. He intends to make a career in archaeology, he says, and the hoard is his piece de resistance. Any archaeologist working in the classical period knows that Turkey perhaps even more than Greece and Italy, is the place to go for new finds and digs.

Being barred from Turkey or ostracized from academe — possible consequences of his having traded in smuggled material — would deal a blow to Jeffrey Spier's high aspirations.

Both Spier and Kagan eventually agreed to talk to the authors of this story. Both were distressed by the turn of events but asserted that they had not done anything illegal. Whether they are right, the courts may decide. But who decides on breaches of ethics?

Anguish
William Koch, if worse comes to worst, stands to lose a few million, which is unlikely to cause him anguish. He has resolutely kept a low profile, refusing to respond to even simple questions.

Take a matter pertaining to the activities of his non-profit foundation. One year after the symposium at Oxford in 1986, a publication on the event, from British Archaeological Reports, appeared, containing the papers given at the original event and a preface by Ian Carradice, curator of coins and medals at the British Museum.

In it, Carradice expressed gratitude and stated that "the coins were provided by a foundation in Boston." Was it William Koch's non-profit foundation? That made sense, but Koch and the foundation's personnel would not elucidate. Nor did Carradice read the foundation's public reports to date provide the answer.

Whose were the coins? The Oxbow Corporation's spokesman, John Klarfeld, should have known: Oxbow put up most of the purchase price of \$3.5 million, but in various conversations, Klarfeld either professed ignorance of the coins or was evasive.

Koch's desire for privacy has not spared him from a battle with numismatics circles. OKS's entry into the wonderful world of coins has upset the big players who have so far controlled the action, most notably the tanned, Buddha-like Bruce McNall, of Numismatic Fine Arts, in Beverly Hills.

Eighteen years ago, McNall took a job at the company which he acquired in 1977, retaining it Numismatic Fine Arts. In 1974, he was involved in buying and selling the last prehoard decadrachm, which eventually went to Nelson Bun-

ker Hunt, whom he also advised on the acquisition of antiquities.

These days, at age thirty-seven, he owns a Thoroughbred syndicate, the Los Angeles Kings hockey team, and the Gladden Entertainment production company (of War Games fame), among other enterprises.

McNall's notable contribution to the numismatics industry has been to bring more powerful investors — people who buy coins for huge sums in order to sell for even larger sums — into the market.

These investors have helped to support prices at the high end of the market. Meantime, the economy has changed to favour-NFA: investment advisers are now steering clients toward coins as a good hedge against inflation.

McNall knows the biggest private investors, runs the biggest auction house, and established the first fund that trades in coins, the Athena Fund. He and Silva Hurter of Zurich's Bank Leu dominate the numismatics market. It is easy to see how an incursion the size of William Koch's, with so many important coins, has a potential to unsettle the status quo.

So long as Koch, Kagan, and Spier went through the normal channels, consulting experts and talking to dealers, the industry was happy. Then, inexplicably, the museums' hopes for donations came to nothing (much to their annoyance), offers to dealers were withdrawn, and Koch's coins began to emerge piecemeal on the market. McNall could not have been pleased.

One deca was sold in Chicago through the dealer

Arab Times World Exclusive

The hoard of the century

Harlan J. Berk for a reported \$295,000. Another was sold through the Swiss auctioneers Tkalec and Rauch to Silvia Hurter for \$295,000.

Anton Tkalec, who also advises a European coin-investment company called Damastion, bought three decas from Koch, for "considerably over a million dollars," he says. He sold two of the decas and some fifty others to McNall's NFA. And then, on March 10, 1988, Tkalec attended the auction in Los Angeles.

Auction

At that auction, the Turkish government merely applied a little discreet pressure through its lawyers, Botein Hays & Sklar. Customs agents did not raid the auction site; there were no injunctions. The auctions itself passed apparently without incident, except for one thing.

By the end of the day, the ten coins from the hoard were back in the possession of Numismatic Fine Arts. Within a month, they were in the custody of Turkish authorities in the United States.

At the auction, Tkalec bought back some of the coins he had just sold to NFA in order to simplify their return to the Turks. These purchases did

What the hoard could buy

IN antiquity, one silver talent equalled 6,000 drachms, which could buy you as many as 150 slaves, or 1,300 oxen, or 2,000 pairs of sandals, or ten metric tons of wheat — the equivalent of one year's food expenses for perhaps twelve families of five people each.

The Turks who found the silver coins in 1984 sold two of the least valuable, Lycian staters, to a goldsmith in Antalya for \$175 each. Had they attempted to sell them to the city's museum, a special committee would have convened to offer the highest amount legally permitted for each coin: \$50. The value of a Lycian stater on the world market is \$1,000.

The goldsmith's price of \$175 was the equivalent in 1984 of the museum director's monthly salary or that of the police chief who uncovered the incident of the hoard. A Turkish customs official of the time made \$125 a month.

The decadrachm that Ibrahim's mother and sister got as a gift from the excavators was eventually sold for \$600,000 in the United States. Had it been offered to the Antalya museum in 1984, the highest sum at the committee's disposal for any antiquities would have been \$6,000. The committee might have prevailed upon the Directorate of Museums and Antiquities, in Ankara, to buy the coin. The directorate would then have had to appeal to the minister of finance for funds. If all permissions had been granted, the \$600,000 would have amounted to the directorate's entire annual acquisitions budget. Not a penny more could have been spent by any Turkish museum to purchase antiquities that year.

Let us now assume that the Turkish government wanted to buy the decadrachm hoard at its market value of \$10 million. That would take an official request to the National Budget Committee to find the money somewhere. Where? Hm, \$10 million — only two-thirds the total annual budget of the Antiquities parent body, the Ministry of Culture.

-O.A. and M.K.

not go unnoticed by other dealers. Many were involved in the race; others had been told of

it openly. Significantly, NFA did not concede the matter of ownership. McNall simply gave over the ten coins that the Turks knew about.

The manoeuvre appalled OKS. What could be the explanation for NFA's concession without putting up the least legal resistance? Maybe McNall merely wanted to avoid a battle in court.

Then again, speculates a source within the Koch camp, McNall could also have been out to teach the amateurs a painful lesson. That would help to explain why NFA had advertised the coins brazenly in its catalogue as being from "South Anatolia, Decadrachm Hoard, 1984"; most coins are listed without such specific attribution in coin-sale catalogues.

Whatever the rationale, the NFA gesture now had the obvious effect of pitting the Turks against Koch, with round one going to the Turks. The precedent made it difficult to sell coins from the hoard openly, if at all. Emphasizing the problems, Tkalec's lawyers contacted

Koch's, asking either for the Swiss dealer's money back in return for the coins or for Koch's documents of ownership.

If Koch's title of ownership is in order, Tkalec says, he will ask Turkey to prove its case. If it can, Tkalec knows his reaction: "The Turks must keep the coins." In that event, Tkalec will demand his money back from Koch, and Koch, in turn, may try to collect his \$3.5 million from the smugglers. After all, they had not told him of provenance problems.

The McNall camp may not be without its vulnerabilities. McNall and NFA are the managing partners for Athena Fund I and for its successor, Athena Fund II, now being formed. A fund with general and limited partners. Athena trades in coins, under the auspices of Merrill Lynch, buying low and selling dear. The profits go back to the partners who paid \$7 million to get Athena I off the ground and will put up to \$40 million into Athena II.

NFA's problem arises from a clause in the charter of Athena I that was written to prevent NFA, acting as both consultant and vendor to the fund, from simply advising the acquisition of their own coins, perhaps for a good deal more than they cost. Specifically, the clause allows NFA to sell its own coins to Athena I only at cost plus direct expenses.

Fate

Here, we must trace the fate of the one decadrachm that was not part of Koch's hoard. Back in Elmalı, Ibrahim's sister and mother sold the coins they had been given by Hasan Sarıbag, the ex-mayor of Elmalı, and his friend Abdullahi Huzneli.

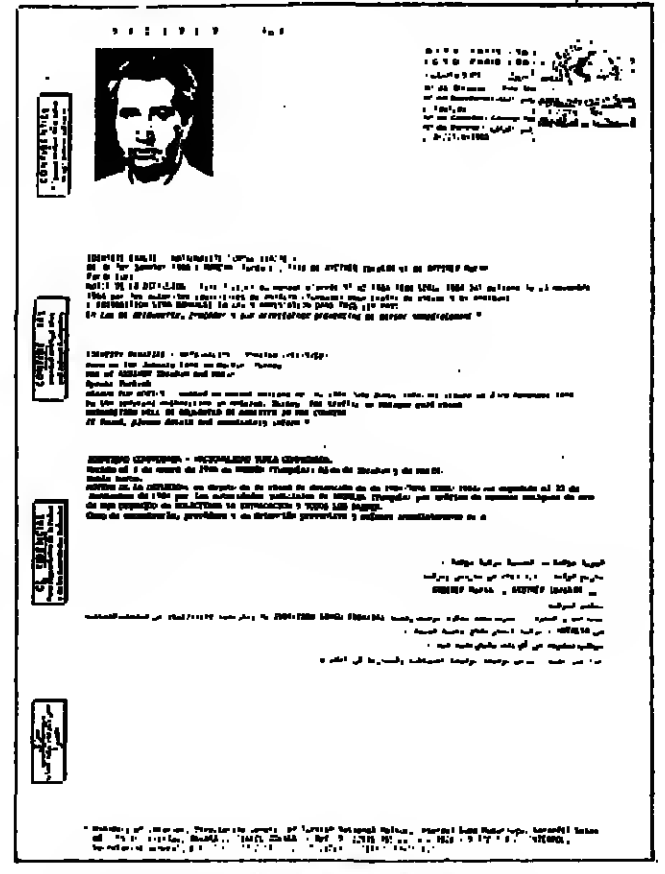
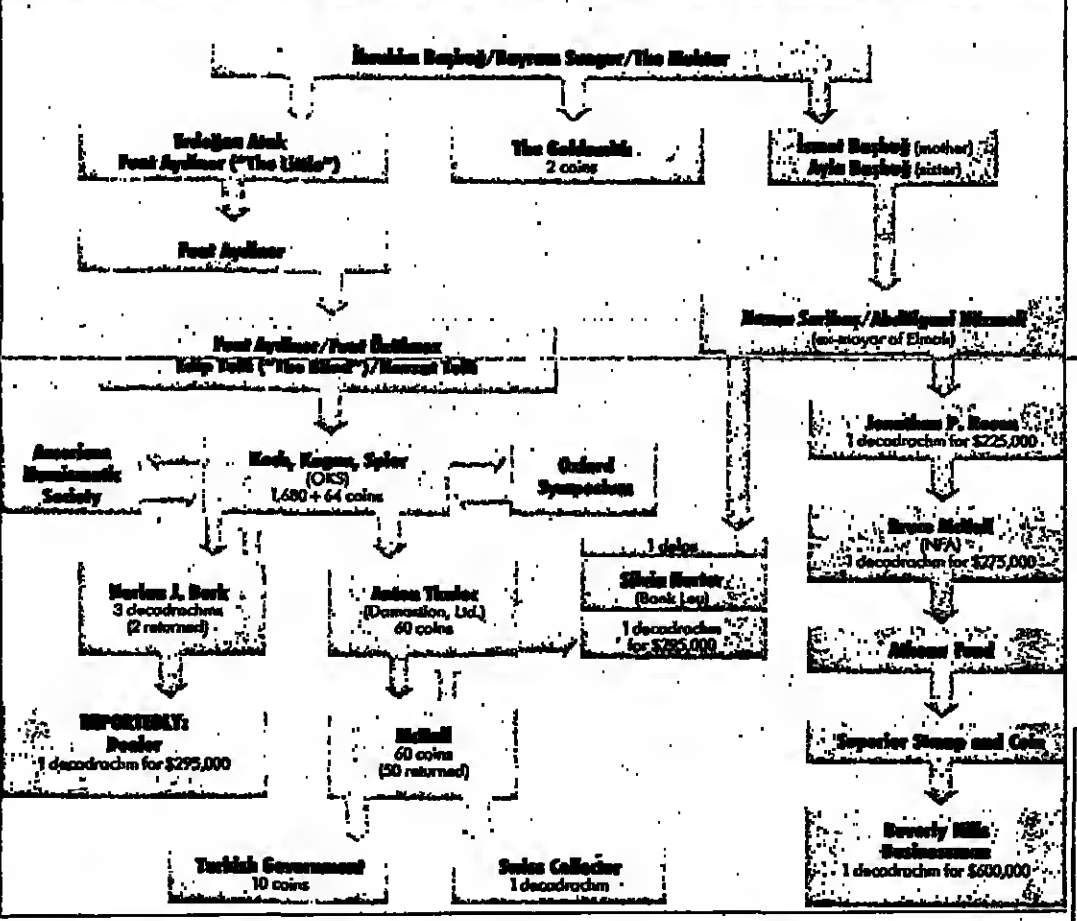
This minitreaure was intercepted by Silvia Hurter, who skimmed off all but the deca. (That is how she acquired the sole coin in the hoard from the state of Delos, which is also very rare, though less valuable than the deca.) Jonathan Rosen, a well-known coin collector in New York and a partner in Atlantis Antiquities Ltd., bought the deca for \$225,000, according to him, and sold it to NFA for \$275,000.

Numismatics insiders say that McNall then sold it for a substantial profit into the Athena Fund I, which proudly reproduced it in its prospectus. (Most recently, it was sold out of the fund for \$600,000, via a dealer.)

Both Rosen, who is also a partner in Athenai, and McNall deny the sale to the

The course of greed

Because the numismatics market is in the West, the 1,900 coins of the decadrachm hoard percolated there. This chart traces their various, often complicated paths, owners, and believed whereabouts of press time.



Fuat Aydinler was the first to purchase the hoard

fund at a profit, pointing out that such a transaction would be against fund rules. They admit that the fund bought a deca for \$374,000 but deny that it is Rosen's.

Their contention seems to be at odds with the available evidence. The numismatics publication Coin World, in its issue of November 25, 1987, carries a story on the \$600,000 deca sold from the Athena fund and prints its picture.

If that is the right coin, it has been identified by a number of experts, including the president of NFA, as part of the hoard. Yet it is definitely not one of Koch's thirteen. Unless there were a hitherto unknown fifteenth decadrachm in the hoard, the pictured coin appears to be Rosen's. If so, its sale to the fund at a profit implies a violation of Athena I's charter.

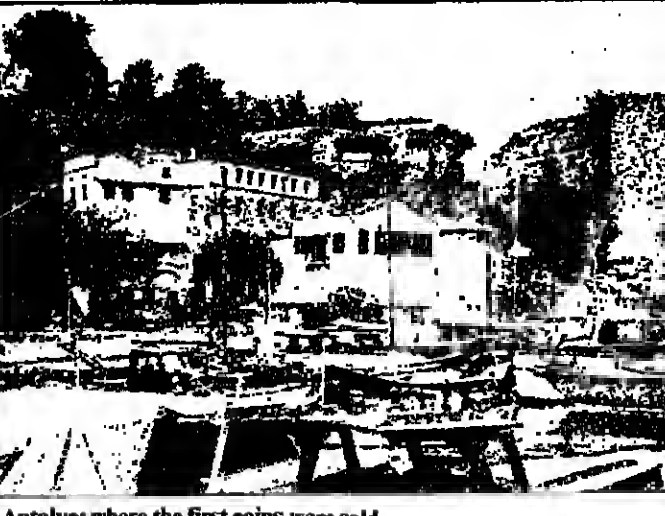
At present time, the status of the "greatest hoard of history"

was still undetermined, but it will not remain so for long. Upon its publication, Turkish sources say, the article you are reading will have been handed to the President of Turkey, Kenan Evren, as he arrives on a state visit to the United States.

His response will determine whether Turkey, which is already suing the Metropolitan Museum to get back the so-called Lydian Hoard, launches separate legal action in this affair.

The numismatics powers might well hope that the Turkish state gets the hoard back; the coins have already caused them nothing but trouble. Even the embattled Koch camp might welcome a chance to strike a deal with the Turks, thus bowing gracefully out of what now seems a mess. For everyone concerned except the smugglers, one hoard like this seems plenty enough for the century.

Concluded



Antalya; where the first coins were sold

An Islamic coin



A coin bearing the portrait of Mughal Emperor Nur al-Din Jahangir. It was minted in 1020AH. The average weight of such coins is 10.95 grams and the diameter 21mm.

Are proverbs nuggets of truth or fool's gold?

PROVERBS are heirlooms, treasured and passed on from generation to generation. These pithy, unforgettable phrases seem to sum up timeless wisdom about human nature. But are the truisms really true? Spare the rod and spoil the child. Few proverbs have been so thoroughly disproved — or have caused so much harm — as this one. Nearly 40 years of research have shown conclusively that the "rod" produces children who are more aggressive than their peers. "Physical punishment teaches that the way to solve problems is to beat up others," says Leonard Eron, a research psychologist at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He and others explain that having children focus on what they did wrong and why it was wrong encourages them to internalize control of their own actions. But physical punishment, while suppressing misbehavior in the short run, ultimately promotes nothing more than a determination to avoid getting caught.

In 1960 Eron and his colleagues studied 870 8-year-olds in rural New York and found a clear-cut relationship between the severity of the physical punishment they received — ranging from none at all to slaps and spankings — and how aggressive other children judged them to be. Twenty-two years later, the researchers tracked down some of these same people and found that the aggressive kids were now aggressive adults. And those adults now had aggressive children of their own. He who lives by the sword dies by the sword. If the contemporary "sword" is a handgun, then this maxim seems to be true. A study of more than 700 gunshot deaths in the Seattle area from 1978 to 1983 showed that most of them had occurred in homes where a gun was kept. Moreover, the guns were far more likely to kill a resident than an intruder. In only two cases was a stranger killed; the rest were accidental deaths, suicides or homicides in which the victim was either a friend of the gun owner or a member of the family.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

WOMAN'S FALLOPIAN TUBES ARE BLOCKED IN STERILISATION

QUESTION: When they sterilise a woman, do they "cut" the tubes? What does that mean?
ANSWER: If a woman decides she does not want any more children, she can choose to be sterilised, which involves blocking the fallopian tubes, the two hollow arms on either side of the uterus. Each month an egg moves down one of these tubes from the ovary to the uterus, and it is within the tube that a sperm fertilises the egg. If the tube is blocked or cut, the egg and sperm are kept apart and fertilisation does not take place. Female sterilisation has no effect on hormone levels. A sterilised woman's period still occurs regularly until menopause.

Female sterilisation is a permanent and almost perfect form of birth control. It is called permanent because it cannot be easily reversed. If a woman changes her mind about the procedure, there are operations that can be done to reconnect or open the blocked tubes, but there is no guarantee they will work. After sterilisation, there is the possibility that the tubes can heal over and a pregnancy can occur, but there is far less chance of this happening than of any other form of birth control to fail.

QUESTION: Have you ever heard of an eye disease that makes your eye into a cone?
ANSWER: What you are referring to is a corneal disease called keratoconus. The cornea, the clear protective outer layer covering the iris and pupil, bulges forward and develops into a cone shape. Because the cornea, a major focusing mechanism, now becomes thin and irregularly shaped (astigmatism), patients with keratoconus have very blurred vision, a high degree of nearsightedness and a reduction in far vision. The cause is unknown but hereditary factors are involved. Keratoconus progresses slowly over a number of years, usually starting in the second decade of life, but may become stationary at any time. Hard contact lenses may provide a useful degree of vision in the earlier stages. In the advanced stage, when the cornea appears cone-shaped and the lower lid of the eye appears indented, vision may become so poor that is interferes with normal activities and surgery may be recommended.

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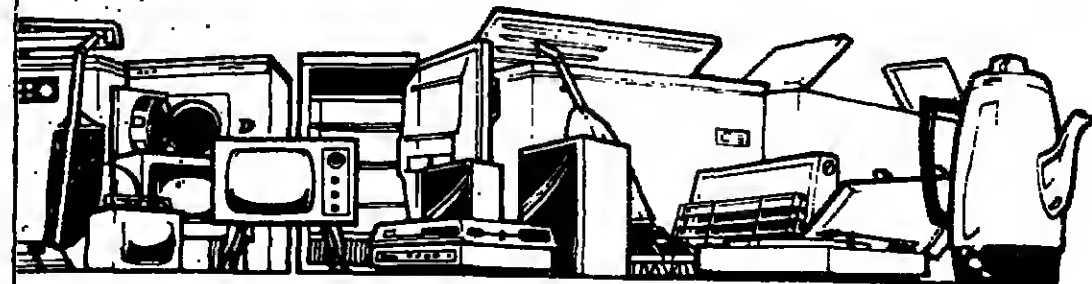
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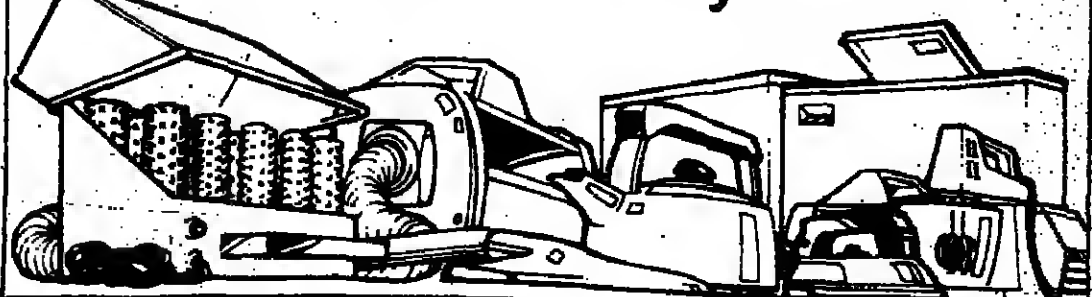
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SPORTS

Strawberry lifts Mets to 5-2 win over Pirates

NEW YORK, June 29. (AP): The past week has brought two significant days in Darryl Strawberry's home life, and he marked both of them with significant performances in his professional life.

On the day that his second child was born, Strawberry hit a two-run homer to lead the New York Mets to a 5-2 victory last night over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Last Wednesday, Strawberry hit two homers to lead the Mets to the St. Louis Cardinals on the third birthday of his son Darryl Jr.

"It was a long day, but it was worth it," Strawberry said. "The doctor who delivered the baby said I would hit a home run, and he was right."

Strawberry, broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth with his 18th homer. Kevin Elster hit a two-run homer and Howard Johnson a solo shot.

New York, winning for the second time in six games, lengthened its lead over the Pirates to 4-2 games in the National League East.

Elsewhere, Houston beat Los Angeles 4-3, San Francisco beat Atlanta 13-7, St. Louis beat Montreal 5-4, Cincinnati beat San Diego 4-3 and Chicago beat Philadelphia 6-4.

Angels 6, Mariners 3
Bob Knepper, 8-1, allowed two hits in 8 1/3 innings and quelled his 1987 victory total as Houston ended the Dodgers' one-game winning streak. He struck out four and walked five.

Yankees 1
Frank Tanana allowed five hits in 8 1/3 innings and Pat Sheridan drove in four runs as Detroit extended its winning streak over New York to five games. Tanana, 10-4, allowed only three hits after the second inning. He struck out six and walked two before being relieved with one out and runners on first and second in the ninth. Mike Henneman closed.

Cardinals 5, Expos 4
Tom Brunansky's ninth-inning grounder bounced through the legs of third baseman Tim Lincecum and allowed the winning run to score. With St. Louis trailing 4-3, Vince Coleman singled off Joe Coleman singled off Joe Hesketh, 1-1, to open the ninth, but was thrown out by right fielder Aubie Brooks as he tried for a double.

Reds 4, Padres 3
Danny Jackson, 8-4, pitched a six-hitter and Lancer McCullers walked home the winning run in his ninth as Cincinnati ended its six-game losing streak.

Jays 6, Phillies 4
Shawon Dunston hit a two-run, two-out single off Steve Bedrosian, 1-3, to cap a four-run eighth inning as Chicago won its eighth straight and 10th in its last 13 games.

This first start of the year and second of his Major League career, Boston's Wes Gardner decided to think like a reliever.

Gardner, pressed into the rotation when Jeff Sellers suffered a broken hand, allowed just three hits in seven innings last night as the Red Sox defeated the Cleveland Indians 6-1.

"I wanted to go as hard as I could for as long as I could," said Gardner, 2-1. "I developed a little know in my back about the fifth inning, but I feel really good."

Elsewhere, it was Detroit 6, New York 1; Baltimore 7, Toronto 0; Chicago 4, Kansas City 3; Texas 6, Seattle 0; Minnesota 8, California 2, and Milwaukee 4, Oakland 1.

It was the 99th appearance in the Major Leagues for Gardner, acquired by the Red Sox after the 1985 season along with Calvin Schiraldi in the deal that sent Bob Ojeda to the New York Mets.

Marty Barrett hit a two-run triple and Dwight Evans added a two-run home, his fifth, to highlight the second inning. Boston added another run in the fifth when Mike Greenwell singled to extend his hitting streak to 19 games and Jim Rice doubled.

Jays 7, Blue Jays 0
Jay Tibbs and Mark Thurmond combined on a seven-hitter and Fred Lynn and Eddie Murray drove in three runs each as Baltimore defeated Toronto in a game marked by several disputes.

White Sox 4, Royals 3
Dan Pasqua homered twice and Greg Walker hit a towering shot with two outs in the eighth inning to back the four-hit pitching of Bill Long and Bobby Higgin.

Angels 6, Mariners 0
Jose Guzman pitched a four-hitter for his first Major League winout and Larry Parrish and Steve Buechele hit solo home runs as Texas snapped a three-game losing streak.

Angels 2
Bert Blyleven pitched an eight-inning shutout for his fourth consecutive victory and was backed by a 15-at-bat Minnesota move to within four games of first place in the AL West.

ENGLAND FACE DIFFICULT TASK AT OLD TRAFFORD

Buoyant West Indies set for 3rd Test

LONDON, June 29. (Reuters): For a team in transition, Viv Richards's West Indies have belied the image in the Test series against England with powerful and authoritative cricket that has recalled their heady, all-conquering reign.

West Indies, by their own admission not the irresistible force who achieved 5-0 clean sweeps over England in 1984 and 1986, face the third Test starting at Old Trafford, Manchester, tomorrow buoyed by an emphatic 134-run win in the second Test at Lord's.



Marshall: Inspiration to the side

Puzzling
Richards's side took a 1-0 lead in the five-match series and left England, who have not beaten West Indies in their last 26 Tests, still puzzling over how to overcome the potent Caribbean concoction of instinctively attacking batting and relentless fast bowling.

Malcolm Marshall, with 17 wickets in the first two Tests despite nursing a rib injury, is not only the spearhead of the pace attack but an inspiration to the side as they rebuild after the retirements from Test cricket in the last 15 months of Michael Holding, Joel Garner and Larry Gomes.

Richards has rested his premier paceman since the Lord's Test. Marshall continuing to have 'treatment' for his

injury to ensure his fitness to bowl on an Old Trafford pitch that has apparently quickened in pace this year.

Marshall's support, while formidable, does not quite have the destructive quality that overwhelmed all comers during the

Holding-Garner era. Courtney Walsh is steady yet not consistently penetrative. Curtly Ambrose has immense potential but is going through the learning process, while Patrick Patterson is the quickest but tends to be the most expensive.

Patterson is likely to keep his place at Old Trafford, the home ground of his adopted country Lancashire, but he will be aware that fellow pacemen Winston Benjamin and the uncapped Ian Bishop are pressing for his place by taking wickets regularly and cheaply in matches between the Tests.

While West Indies are expected to keep faith with their traditional formula of four pace bowlers, England have allowed for the possibility of a turning pitch by strengthening their slow bowling.

Nick Cook was named in the original squad of 13 but when he sprained an ankle, fellow slow left-arm spinner John Childs was added to the party.

The uncapped Childs, 36, has spent the bulk of his career with Gloucestershire but since moving to Essex in 1985 he has enjoyed a fresh lease of life, helping them win the championship in 1986 with 85 wickets.

Cook won the last of his nine Test caps during the 1984 home series against West Indies, in which he played three Tests and took five wickets at a cost of 59.40 apiece.

The Northamptonshire slow bowler was among a trio earning a recall in England's 13, together with all-rounder David Capel and deposed captain Mike Gatting. Gladstone Small, who has a

thigh injury, and fellow paceman Derek Pringle were omitted from the Lord's 12.

Capel, who has been overlooked since England's tour of New Zealand earlier this year, won the vote over Pringle partly by virtue of being a better batsman. Capel's medium pace bowling may also be more effective at Test level.

Gatting, who asked not to be chosen for the second Test following his sacking as captain, returns to add substance to the front line batting. He lost the captaincy because England's cricket officials decided he acted irresponsibly in inviting a woman back to his hotel room during the first Test.

Provided
His comeback to play under off-spinner John Emburey, who took over as captain at Lord's, provides a reversal of their roles at Middlesex.

Emburey faces not only the demanding job of captaincy against a West Indies side growing in confidence, but also the need to restore his reputation as England's first choice spinner.

Emburey would certainly relish the opportunity of performing on a helpful surface at Old Trafford after a lean spell at international level in England, having taken a mere three wickets for 396 runs in his last six home Tests.



Agnew: six for 39



Folley: six for 20

Stephenson takes Notts to victory

LONDON, June 29. (Reuters): Barbados-born all-rounder Franklyn Stephenson breathed fresh life into Nottinghamshire's ailing defence of the English County Cricket Championship by taking a career-best seven for 56 yesterday.

Fast bowler Stephenson fired out Nottinghamshire for 122 on the third and last day at Trent Bridge, giving Notts victory by 191 runs. It was only their third success in 11 championship matches.

to 47 all out and defeat by 72 runs at Swansea.

Folley and veteran off-spinner Jack Simmons, who snapped up four for nine, fully exploited a turning pitch as Glamorgan collapsed to their lowest first-class total since 1979 when they were dismissed for 46 by Kent at Cardiff.

Yorkshire pulled off their first championship win of the season at the ninth attempt, beating Sussex by three wickets with 13 balls to spare at Hove.

New ball pair Arnie Sidebottom and Paul Jarvis had made the initial victory thrust with four wickets apiece as Sussex slumped to 105 all out — their lowest first-class score of the season.

Departure
Stephenson, in his first season with the county following the departure of Richard Hadlee and Clive Rice at the end of 1987, is now joint leading wicket-taker in the championship this year with team-mate Kevin Cooper. The pace pair each have 61 wickets.

Cooper contributed to Nottingham's downfall by taking three for 62, while Stephenson beat his previous best performance of six for 19 for Tasmania against Victoria during the 1981-82 Australian season.

Standings
English county championship cricket table after yesterday's matches (table under played, won, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, total points):

Kent	9	6	3	0	21	28	145
Worcestershire	9	5	1	3	24	30	134
Leicestershire	10	4	1	5	24	35	123
Essex	9	4	3	2	23	28	115
Middlesex	9	4	2	4	19	30	113
Gloucestershire	9	4	3	2	21	26	111
Warwickshire	8	4	2	4	24	25	103
Nottingham	11	3	6	2	13	40	101
Northampton	9	3	2	4	18	31	97
Lancashire	9	3	3	3	17	25	90
Somerset	9	3	4	2	22	25	87
Derbyshire	9	2	1	6	31	20	76
Surrey	8	2	4	16	27	75	
Sussex	10	1	3	6	19	32	66
Hampshire	9	1	3	5	11	30	57
Yorkshire	9	1	5	3	10	30	56
Glamorgan	9	0	4	5	14	23	37

Sky marshals to protect Games athletes

SEOUL, June 29. (Reuters): Armed guards will travel aboard US aircraft taking athletes, officials and tourists to the Seoul Olympic Games this September, security sources said here today.

The sources were speaking at the end of a two-day conference on aviation security involving US officials and representatives from seven Asian nations with major international airports that will handle Olympic traffic.

They said the conference was told that armed US marshals would be on board all flights to Seoul before, during and immediately after the Olympics, which get underway on September 17.

After the aviation conference ended, US Assistant Secretary of State Jerry Bremer emphasised

to reporters that his government was confident that the South Korean authorities could produce "a safe environment" for the Games.

"We have no hard intelligence that terrorist groups with a global capability have any plans for terrorist activity during the Olympics," he said.

Disrupt
But he warned that it was necessary to draw attention to the fact that terrorists seeking to disrupt the Games were likely to choose a vulnerable spot to launch a hijack or bombing attempt.

"Terrorism is a global problem and due to advances in aviation, terrorist groups can move around the world more

quickly than ever before," said Bremer, who is head of counter-terrorism at the State Department.

South Korean assistant Foreign Minister Hong Soon-Young, who co-chaired the conference, told reporters: "The terrorist threat is ever-present and precautionary counter-terrorist measures have been set up."

Asked whether it was logical that attempts would be made to disrupt the Games well in advance of the Olympic opening ceremony he said:

"The terrorist threat is here already and we are doing our best to deter terrorists from infiltrating South Korea."

"This conference was very meaningful in that it was the first

multi-national approach to ensure the safety of the Games."

Taking part in the conference were Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand and the United States. Observers representing international aviation agencies were also present.

Destruction
South Korea has stepped up security measures since the alleged North Korean destruction of a South Korean airliner last November, with the loss of all 115 people on board.

Last January, a confessed North Korean agent held by the South said she planted a bomb aboard the Korean Airlines plane on direct orders from leaders in Pyongyang.

RUGBY

New Zealand bemused by 14-man scrum

SINGLETON, Australia, June 29. (Reuters): New Zealand notched their fourth successive win, defeating New South Wales country 29-4 today, but it was the single try by the Australian side which caught the eye.

Country, 25-0 down at half-time, rallied magnificently in the second half and were determined to score when awarded a scrum near the All Blacks line.

Fourteen of their players joined the pack, the All Blacks 'mean machine' yielded for the first time in many years and country number eight Albert Model plunged over for a try.

The country side showed its innovative approach to rugby in 1974 with the first up-the-jumper try.

A forward rush from a penalty bemused the side's Sydney opponents who failed to locate the ball which was stuffed up the jumper of one of the country players.

The All Blacks, fielding a second-string side ahead of Sunday's first Test, scored six tries.

Test left-winger Terry Wright scored two as did centre John Schuster, who has probably guaranteed he will replace injured Warwick Taylor in the Test side with today's performance.

The only worry for the All Blacks was the performance of fly-half Grant Fox, considered the world's best goalkicker. He had an off day with the boot, converting only one try plus a penalty goal.

Sweeping changes for next Paris-Dakar Rally
PARIS, June 29. (Reuters): Organisers of the controversial Paris-Dakar Rally announced sweeping changes for next December's event today after being fined for irregularities in last season's motoring marathon.

Organiser Gilbert Sabine told a news conference that the rally would be reduced from 25 days to 15, that trucks would be banned, stages would be cut to a maximum of 18 hours and lower limits on maximum turbo power would be introduced.

New Sweden takes yachting lead

LULEA, Sweden, June 29. (Reuters): Outsider New Sweden notched two dramatic victories yesterday to maintain its undefeated match record after the second of four semifinal days at the World 12-metre Yachting Championship.

Skipper Olle Johansson proved master of the almost windless conditions to score a fine tactical victory by nearly 10 minutes over hot favourite Kookaburra III of Australia in millpond-like waters just south of the Arctic Circle.

The 31-year-old local hero then went on to win a tight tacking duel with Australia's Steak 'n' Kidney by a margin of 4:25.

A protest from Kookaburra skipper Peter Gilmour about mid-competition course changes to compensate for was turned down.

Kookaburra is now overall second place, only one victory behind Johansson, so a successful protest would have voided one Swedish victory and levelled the series.

The breathless conditions, with only two-to-three knot winds, resulted in many races being a battle against the official three-hour cut-off time, and two duels failed to be completed in the maximum allotted time.

Organisers are now considering bringing the rest of the championship's match races into the Lulea harbour basin in order to capitalise on shore breezes.

New Sweden started shakily against Kookaburra, and Gilmour's superior tactics allowed the Australian yacht to take a two-and-a-half minute lead after the first beat and spinnaker run. But a lucky 20-degree change

in the Baltic breezes provided Johansson with a chance to take a huge 17-minute lead by the fourth mark. The eventual winning margin was 9:56.

Japanese yacht Nippon retired after only 10 minutes from its second race of the day, against Crusader '88 of Britain, when a crew member injured his finger.

The British yacht then had only the clock to race to gain its second match race victory.

Earlier in the day, Crusader had a lucky escape when the three-hour cut-off time was against Japan's Benga III with the former Australia III just four yacht lengths from the line.

America's Cup holder and master tactician Dennis Conner in his borrowed yacht Nordstjernan beat Benga III but the race with Denmark's Holger Danske II was timed out.

Karpov moves into 2nd place

BELFORT, France, June 29. (AP): Former world champion Anatoly Karpov moved into a tie for second place yesterday in the World Chess Championship after winning one adjourned match and drawing a second.

Karpov defeated Jan Timman of the Netherlands in one match and drew with Robert Hubner of West Germany.

The results, completing the 11th round of play, pushed Karpov into a second-place tie with Joan Hlhelv of the Soviet Union.

Garry Kasparov, the world champion, leads the three-week round-robin tournament.

Ulf Andersson of Sweden and Andrei Sokolov of the Soviet Union drew yesterday in the completion of another adjourned match.

Undisputed world champion's soap opera continues to bubble

Time needed to test Tyson's claim to greatness

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (Reuters): The richest and probably the most hyped fight in history is over and now yet another superlative is being raised about heavyweight champion Mike Tyson — is he the greatest? Can he become the greatest?

Tyson is like a brilliant Formula One race car mechanic stuck in a car body shop banging out dents on a family saloon.

He has all the tools to work on the best of the world has to offer, but will he ever get a chance to try out his stuff on the very best?

"You have to fight a great fighter to be great," Richie Giachetti, the ex-trainer for former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, said on Tuesday in a post mortem on Tyson's astonishing first-round knockout of Michael Spinks yesterday.

It is hard to imagine any of the current contenders giving Tyson a fight the likes of some of the great battles of boxing. Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Rocky Marciano, Jersey Joe Walcott, and the Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier wars.

As devastating as he has been in rolling to a 35-0 record, Tyson, who is expected to earn about \$20 million for last night's one minute, 31-second fight, really has not come close to any of those classic fights.

He indeed may attain greatness, as the youngest heavyweight champion ever he certainly has a head start, but he cannot do it by himself — he needs a great opponent.

It has not been the fault of the

21-year-old champion. There do not seem to be any good heavyweights around, let alone great ones.

Tyson is next scheduled to fight Briton Frank Bruno, called by one American newspaper an "English muffin."

Bruno, with a 32-2 record is not exactly the stuff of legends. True, he stopped 31 of his opponents within the distance, but he was stopped by American James "Bonecrusher" Smith, who fearfully ran from and hugged Tyson before losing a points decision last year. American Tim Witherspoon also stopped him.

"Bruno, forget it. That's Mickey Mouse," Giachetti said. "He got knocked out by 'Bonecrusher' Smith and Tim Witherspoon. How the hell is he going to give Mike Tyson a fight?"

"They say he's strong and looks good. This isn't a body-building match," said Giachetti, who trained Holmes to two losses against Spinks and one to Tyson.

"If Mike Tyson and Bruno were here the American fans wouldn't buy it. They had to go overseas," he said.

So weak is the division that the hysters are talking up young cruiserweight Evander Holyfield, who will have his first heavyweight fight next month against journeyman James "Quick" Tillis.

"He couldn't even knock out cruiserweight Carlos 'Sugar' de Leon," Giachetti said of Holyfield. "He beat the hell out of De Leon, but he didn't knock

him out.

"What is he gonna do, fight a bum of the month (to become a contender)?" Giachetti said.

While some fans want to put Tyson in the category of the former greats, Giachetti said: "He can't be called great yet."

"Time will tell him that. He needs time to come into that category," said Giachetti.

Meanwhile, the words of old-time carnival barkers who used to work the boardwalk here could apply to Tyson's world.

"Around and around she goes and where she stops nobody

knows," they used to say about the spinning wheel of fortune.

Tyson has the fortune but his world continues to spin unpredictably.

Just moments before Tyson demolished Spinks, the champion had a process-server slap manager Bill Cayton at ringside with legal papers.

Tyson, already embroiled in a public feud with Cayton, whom he has said was taking too much of a cut from his earnings and trying to break up his four-month-old marriage to actress Robin Givens, said Cayton conspired to dupe him into signing a contract last February.

Tyson accused his late co-manager Jimmy Jacobs of fraudulently inducing him to sign a contract extension by not telling him of his impending death. Cayton's lawyer, Thomas Puccio, said in a telephone conference call from New York City.

Tyson charged that Cayton and Jacobs rushed him into signing a new contract to protect the Jacobs estate and extend Cayton's hold on the champion.

The previous contract was to expire on October 14, 1990.

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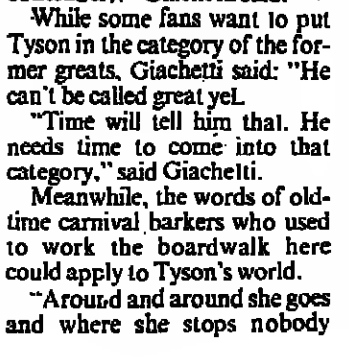
Puccio said the contract is iron-tight. "It is totally enforceable for another four years," Puccio said.

"Tyson may have been in top form in the ring, but the allegations in his lawsuit are not worthy of a champion," he said.

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Cayton (centre), Lorraine Jacobs (left), widow of Jimmy Jacobs, and Thomas Puccio talk to the reporters after Tyson filed the suit. (Reuters wirephoto)

Adverse
FISA president Jean-Marie Balestre has made no secret of his opposition to the Paris-Dakar Rally, a lengthy cross-desert test of durability which has attracted adverse publicity in the past after a series of fatal accidents.

Sabine said FISA had insisted on the changes for the next rally. "If FISA don't take it further, that's all right," he said. "But I think they will try to anaesthetise Paris-Dakar and pick on any minor incident to turn it into a rally like those in the World Championship."

The next rally is due to start in Paris on December 25.

Mansell may stay with Williams
LONDON, June 29. (Reuters): British Formula One Driver Nigel Mansell hinted yesterday that he might abandon talks with rival teams and stay with Williams next season.

"I'm confident that next year I will have a good year," said Mansell, who has yet to finish a race this season. "I have a good relationship with my new team-mates. Riccardo Patrese is fantastic to work with."

Voiced
Mansell, whose name had been linked with Ferrari for next season, has several times voiced his frustration at the inability of the normally-aspirated Williams to challenge turbo-charged cars like world championship leaders McLaren.

Turbo-charged engines are being banned from next year.

NAVRATILOVA AND EDBERG MOVE INTO SEMIFINALS

Wilander and Connors make exit

WIMBLEDON, England, June 29. (Agencies): Second-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden and fifth-seeded Jimmy Connors of the United States were knocked out of the Wimbledon Tennis Championship today and late last night respectively.

Wilander was beaten in three straight sets 6-3 6-1 6-3 by ninth-seeded Miroslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia in the quarterfinals today.

Connors, however, lost in the fourth round to unseeded Patrick Kuhn of West Germany. Kuhn, who is Boris Becker's practice partner, disposed of Connors by wrapping up their encounter 5-7 6-7 6-6 7-6 3. They had resumed at 6-6 in the third set last night after rain and darkness had halted their match on Monday on court two where so many champions have perished in the past.

Meet

Kuhn, however, had only 24 hours to savour the taste of his victory as third-seeded Stefan Edberg put in his place with a 6-3 4-6 6-1 7-6 victory in the quarterfinals. Edberg, of Sweden, will now meet Mecir in the semifinals.

Kuhn did not give up the match without a fight. After winning the second set, Kuhn lost the third easily but took the fourth into a tie-breaker before Edberg summoned all his experience to take the match.

While the men were fighting for a place in the semifinals, Martina Navratilova, after losing the first set and trailing 3-0 in the second, staged a typically tenacious fightback against unseeded South African Ros Fairbank today to preserve her hopes of a record ninth Wimbledon singles title.

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Navratilova willa herself during her match with Fairbank. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Wilander's chase of the Grand

Slam, last accomplished in men's tennis by Rod Laver in 1969, evaporated before the service returns and passing shots of Mecir.

The Czechoslovak, known as the "Big Cat," was purring. He played nearly flawless tennis on his serve as well, and Wilander failed again to advance past the quarterfinals at Wimbledon.

Kuhn's performance on court two yesterday was as impressive as it was unexpected because Connors, 35, the old

king of the jungle, had emerged victorious from eight of his 10 previous five-set struggles at Wimbledon, losing only to Bjorn Borg in the 1977 final and the 1981 semifinals.

The West German, a smooth serve-volleyer, is one of the most interesting characters on the circuit. Like Becker, his occasional practice partner, he is managed by ton Tiriak, but apart from a racket contract with Fischer, he has no major sponsorship deals and blanks out the makers' logos on his shirt, shoes and socks.

He is financed by his father, who runs a bakery in Puttlingen, attends ballet classes to improve his mobility on court and consults a New York sports psychologist.

Kuhn's speed around court was never in question as Connors, taken to five long sets by Hollywood's Derrick Rostagno in the third round on Saturday, found the dank conditions and rough grass far from his liking.

Connors, who had been seeded to meet Edberg in the quarterfinals, said: "It was a pain in the ass and a pain in the ass to play out there. The courts were chewed up after three days."

Asked what he knew about his conqueror, Connors went on: "I don't know anything about any of them... they're all 15 years younger than me, they talk a different language, they listen to different music. They're a different generation."

Meanwhile Navratilova's 46th successive singles win here — since she lost to Hana Mandlikova in the 1981 semifinals she has been women's champion six years in a row — could hardly

have been more perilously achieved in a superb quarterfinal that lasted two-and-a-half hours.

She eventually won 4-6 6-4 7-5 to go through to a semifinal meeting tomorrow with fellow-American Chris Evert, her long-time rival whom she has beaten 40 times in 77 meetings.

Top-seeded Steffi Graf of West Germany and American Pam Shriver, who both won yesterday, will meet in the other semifinal.

Navratilova, in her 32nd year, and Fairbank, 27, played on court 14 which in part reflected the organisers' belief that this would probably be another routine victory for the reigning champion and number two seed.

After all, Fairbank had never won a set off Navratilova in six previous meetings and was competing in her first quarterfinal in a Grand Slam tournament.

In the event, though, the South African came desperately close to a highly improbable victory. In the second set she missed a simple forehand volley in the seventh game that would have given her a 5-2 lead and she did exactly the same in the third set with the slight variation that this time it was a backhand volley that went astray.

LATE NEWS

WIMBLEDON champion Pat Cash of Australia, the number four seed, was sent tumbling out of the tournament by his predecessor, Boris Becker of West Germany.

Becker, the sixth seed and champion here in 1985 and 1986, beat Cash 6-4 6-3 6-4 to move into the semifinals.



HH the Amir yesterday morning received heads of sports clubs and unions. The chairman of the joint committee of the clubs thanked the Amir for his material and moral support. The meeting was attended by the minister of labour and social affairs and other senior officials. Above: HH the Amir with the delegation

1990 World Cup finals to start one day early

ZURICH, June 29. (Reuters): Argentina will kick off the 1990 World Cup soccer finals in Italy a day earlier than previously planned, according to a match schedule agreed by the International Football Federation (FIFA) today.

The opening game of the 52-match final series will begin in Milan at 1800 local time (1600 GMT) on Friday June 8 1990. According to tradition Argentina, as defending champions, will be one team involved but their opponents will not be known until early in 1990 after the worldwide qualifying competition and the draw for the finals.

Extras

The opening game had earlier been scheduled for June 9, but bringing it forward one day — to make best use of the June 9-10 weekend when six other games will be played — extends the tournament to 31 days, two more than the 1986 finals in Mexico.

The 1990 World Cup is scheduled to end with the final at Rome's Olympic Stadium at 2000 local (1800 GMT) on July 8. FIFA's World Cup organising committee approved the playing schedule for the first phase of the 1990 finals, with 36 games taking place in 12 cities over 14 days from June 8.

But the venues for the second stage, semifinals and final remain to be confirmed. Italian Sports Minister Franco Carraro, the head of the local organising committee Italia '90, asked for — and received — five months grace to sort out where the later stages of the tournament will be played.

The Italians have to decide which eight of the current 12 cities will host matches after the first round.

The only fixed point is the final in Rome, although that could be jeopardised if roofing is not constructed in time at the Olympic stadium. Other factors include the building of a brand-new stadium in Turin, where three first-round matches are scheduled, and political rivalry between various cities.

A FIFA team will inspect the proposed venues in November and then decide the final playing schedule, officials said. "FIFA will be very disappointed if Turin is not ready because it is a great football city," FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said.

He said that the schedule approved today was "the best calendar we've ever had" which would give all 24 competing teams the same amount of rest days between matches.

SPORTS BRIEFS

World cricket

SYDNEY, Australia, June 29. (AP): Australia and New Zealand are considering putting together a bid to co-host the 1991 World Cup cricket tournament. Australian Cricket Board Chairman Malcolm Gray said today. India and Pakistan would be the apparent competitors. Those two countries are reported to be preparing a bid for the next Cup and backing it with a \$5-million guarantee.

Bernd Schuster

BARCELONA, Spain, June 29. (UPI): A judge yesterday reduced a court bond which West German soccer midfielder Bernd Schuster was to pay after being charged with tax evasion. The judge slashed the bond from \$472,000 to \$210 for Schuster and co-defendant Josep Nunez, the president of First Division Barcelona soccer club.

Italian-keeper

MILAN, Italy, June 29. (Reuters): Italian national goalkeeper Walter Zenga is to undergo knee surgery tomorrow after an injury sustained during the European Championships.

Gary Lineker

MADRID, June 29. (Reuters): Barcelona soccer club doctor Carlos Bestit flew to London today following reports that his striker Gary Lineker has hepatitis, a spokesman for the troubled soccer club said.

St Andrews

ST ANDREWS, Scotland, June 29. (Reuters): A fifth 18-hole course is to be built at St Andrews as part of a £4.5 million (\$7.75 million) investment programme at the famous home of golf.

Lewis wins

LEVERKUSEN, West Germany, June 29. (AP): US Olympic champion Carl Lewis sprang to an easy victory yesterday, posting 20.34 seconds in the 200-metre run at the invitational track and field meet in Leverkusen.

Algerian player

VALENCIA, Spain, June 29. (UPI): Algerian international forward Rabah Madjer said that he is awaiting word from First Division soccer side Inter Milan "whether he will join the team next season but is not optimistic."

Silver Shoe

VIENNA, June 29. (UPI): Better late than never, Austrian top goal scorer for the 1987 season Toni Polster will pick up his "Silver Shoe" trophy for second highest European goalscorer last season at a ceremony in Austria this week.

Ski club

KITZBUHEL, Austria, June 29. (UPI): The Kitzbuehel Ski Club, organisers of the famous "Hahnenkamm" downhill race, face losses of 2.1 million Austrian schillings following the race's cancellation last season.

Chief trainer

VIENNA, June 29. (UPI): Despite a "wonderful offer" Otto Barie intends to remain as chief trainer of Austrian First Division champion Rapid Vienna.

RESULTS of the Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

1. Sherin & Mesdori
2. Kerkij & Drexler
3. Adham & Blacknell
4. W/V
5. Dr Reddy & Lalala
6. D. Pereira & Ravi
7. Raghu & G. Menon

A marathon bridge will be held tomorrow at 3.00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel.

Kingdom wins 9th straight 110m hurdles

JEREZ, Spain, June 29. (UPI): Roger Kingdom won the 110-metre hurdles yesterday to pace a standout day for US men at the Jerez Outdoor Track Championships.

Americans Calvin Smith, Thomas Jefferson, Danny Harris and Dennis Mitchell captured their events. However, the only American woman to win was Delisa Floyd in the 800 metres.

The 25-year-old Kingdom, who returned to competition this season after a two-year absence due to injury, finished in 13.20 seconds with compatriot Eric Reid second at 13.96.

It was Kingdom's ninth straight triumph in the event since his return, but six-tenths of a second short of his personal best of 13.14.

Four US sprinters participated in the 100-metre dash, but Smith prevailed as the favourite in 10.11 seconds. Mitchell was second in that race, then won the 300 metres in 32.22 seconds ahead of fellow American Mike Franks (32.82).

Harris, seeking to beat main rival Edwin Moses' world record of 47.02 seconds in the 400-metre hurdles, dominated his race, but only managed a time of 48.64.

In the 500-metres, Jefferson was an impressive winner in 20.71 seconds. Sergio Querol of Cuba came second at 21.24. Floyd won the 800 in 2:02.17, almost three full seconds better than runner-up Amaya Andres of Spain.

Fellow US runner and women's 100-metre world record-holder Evelyn Ashford lost to Holland's Nelly Cooman, who had a time of 11.30 seconds. US high jumper Mark Reed won with a leap of 7 feet, 4 inches. Larry Myricks, who had the crowd of 10,000 at Jerez's Chapin stadium cheering, took the long jump on his fourth try with a distance of 26-11 3/4.

Outlook dim on three drug detection fronts

OTTAWA, June 29. (Reuters): The International Olympic Committee (IOC) sees no easy way out in the fight to identify three banned doping practices in amateur sport, a member of the IOC medical commission said yesterday.

"Tests are not yet feasible to detect the use by an athlete of the human growth hormone, the chemical agent erythropoietin or the practice of blood doping," professor Arnold Beckett told Reuters at the World Conference on Anti-doping in Sport.

Beckett, who led a research team at King's College in London in 1966 which established doping tests for amateur sport, stated the obvious when asked to size up the problem.

"Where we have difficulty is when we face the use of materials

which we can't detect," he said. Blood doping is banned by the IOC but no affordable test has yet been devised.

"There is no test now or likely to be in the foreseeable future for blood doping," Beckett said. "But after the 1984 Olympics, the evidence was that blood doping is one of the most effective ways of altering performance."

Blood

At the 1984 Summer Olympics seven US cyclists, including four medalists, are known to have used blood doping, whereby an athlete receives a blood transfusion prior to competition. The additional red blood cells gained by the transfusion help increase an athlete's stamina.

Blood doping could possibly be detected through the use of a battery of blood tests, the cost of which would exceed the entire price of current doping controls, Beckett said.

"There is also not a chance in the world of detecting use of the human growth hormone (HGH) and not a shadow of a doubt we won't be able to detect erythropoietin (Epo)," he said.

HGH, which is secreted by the pituitary gland, and Epo, a chemical agent which stimulates production of red blood cells, are both substances found naturally in everyone's body. Taken by artificial means, HGH is considered beneficial because it helps speed the growth process and increase strength. The production of red blood cells by Epo helps boost the oxygen flow to muscles.

Beckett said there may be one method, as yet undeveloped, which could help doping labs detect the use of Epo and HGH. Drug manufacturers would have to be ordered by legislation to include a material in such products as HGH and Epo which would serve as a marker that those substances have been taken by an athlete, he said.

Force

"The idea of using a marker to indicate that a certain drug is being used is not revolutionary," Beckett said. "But the idea of legislation to force a manufacturer to do it is."

He was not, however, overly optimistic. "If you go to a pharmaceutical manufacturer about a problem in sport they want nothing to do with it," Beckett said.

France triumph

ASUNCION, June 29. (Reuters): France romped to the highest Rugby Union score ever recorded in an international yesterday when they crushed Paraguay 106-12 (half-time 44-6) in the final match of their South American tour.

The victory margin shattered the previous highest score of 92-0 also amassed by the French when they beat Spain at Oleron, France, in March 1979.

The French side, comprised largely of reserves, ran in 17 tries with fullback Patrice Lagisquet accounting for seven of them. Paraguay managed one try.



Two Pakistani wrestlers prepare to grapple as an Arab drummer circles them beating a slow rhythm, at an impromptu tournament in Dubai. Wrestlers gather every week on a sandy wasteland and the victor collects money with cap from the cheering spectators.

Whitbread undergoes operation

LONDON, June 29. (Reuters): World javelin champion Fatima Whitbread underwent an operation to remove an abscess on her back yesterday, throwing her Olympic preparation into disarray.

Doctors said the Briton was also suffering from glandular fever — a factor which could have contributed to her poor form this season.

British athletics officials said Whitbread, who has also been troubled by a shoulder injury, would be taking a lengthy break from competition in the hope of making a full recovery.

But they said the former world record holder had not given up hope of competing at the Seoul Olympics.

"Everyone knows of her fighting qualities," said Tony Ward, the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) spokesman. "She is determined to make it to the Olympics and it would be crazy for anyone to write her off."

Whitbread, the Olympic Bronze medalist at Los Angeles,



Whitbread: Olympic preparations hit by surgery

was expected to remain in hospital for three or four days after the operation. Doctors said the abscess had emerged while she was run down with the fever.

Whitbread, 27, has lost three competitions in the last two weeks, in stark contrast to 1987 when she was beaten only once in

17 meetings. She brushed aside injury worries to win the world title in Rome last year. Despite needing cortisone injections to combat painful shoulder and arm injuries, she produced the third best throw of all time — 76.64 metres.

Bubka aims for ninth world record



Sergei Bubka

HELSINKI, June 29. (Reuters): Sergei Bubka, the man who has redefined the pole vault, could set the ninth world record of his astonishing career at the World Games Grand Prix athletics meeting tomorrow.

Bubka said on his arrival here yesterday that he planned an attempt on his own world record of 6.05 metres, set in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, on June 9.

The 24-year-old Soviet athlete won his first major title when he took the gold medal at the inaugural World Championships here in 1983.

He set his first world record that year and his dominance in the most spectacular of all field events is reflected in the all-time list where he has recorded not only the top five vaults ever but

also 10 of the 12 highest. Bubka made unsuccessful world record attempts in Borlange, Sweden, on June 19, and again in Lausanne on Friday night.

Conditions in Lausanne could hardly have been worse for world record attempts with cold, blustery wind but they are expected to be dramatically different here tomorrow with temperatures exceeding 30 degrees Centigrade.

Spectators at Helsinki's Olympic Stadium will be denied the sight of Moroccan Said Aouita, who withdrew yesterday.

Aouita was due to run in either the 1,500 metres or the 1,000 metres.

"He feels he is not in good shape yet," But the knowledgeable Finnish crowd will relish the men's javelin where seven of last year's top 10 athletes will be taking part.

They include Finland's world champion Seppo Raatikainen and the Rome silver medalist Viktor Yessyukov of the Soviet Union plus Czechoslovakia's world record holder and world bronze medalist Jan Zelezny, who at a meeting in West Germany yesterday set the year's best with a mighty throw of 86.88 metres.

Bulgaria have sent a powerful contingent including three world champions in high jumper Stefka Kostadinova, high hurdler Ginka Zagoreva and triple jumper Khristo Markov.

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